

NEXT UHCA MEETING OCT 5

CITY COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD: PROBLEMS, POLICIES, AND SOLUTIONS

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6:45 CRIME WATCH 7:00 MEETING



COME MEET CITY COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD

Our October 5 UHCA meeting will feature Third District San Diego City Councilmember Chris Ward, who represents University Heights. He will discuss a number of policy issues facing the City and our neighborhoods, including the homelessness crisis and the recent outbreak of Hepatitis A, which has hit the local homeless population particularly hard.

Councilmember Ward has taken a leading role in advancing proposals for specific actions as part of the City's response to these issues. He has been working with law enforcement, health professionals, service providers, and state and local governments to develop a comprehensive response that includes long-term, housing-first programs, as well as short-term responses to provide sufficient shelter, health services, and public safety resources until permanent housing comes online.

Councilmember Ward will also provide updates about the University Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project, including work to speed up the street resurfacing, and lessons learned from this project

about how to better address quality control and accountability on all city projects.

The Councilmember advocated for increased funding in this year's budget to address police recruitment and retention. The number of sworn officers in the city has fallen to an unacceptable level—the lowest in 17 years. This will continue to be a top priority to ensure our neighborhoods remain safe and all communities can enjoy the productive, collaborative relationship with the police department that UHCA has built over the years.

Councilmember Ward will explain what the community can expect in regard to recent developments to improve pedestrian and bike safety for everyone through the City's Vision Zero program and infrastructure projects. He will also solicit recommendations to better improve community safety.

Councilmember Chris Ward was elected to represent San Diego's 3rd City Council District in June 2016, and took office in December of 2016. He serves as Chair of the Select Council Committee on Home-

lessness, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, and as a member of the Environment, Rules, and Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committees, as well as Vice Chair of the San Diego County Regional Task Force on the Homeless.

Please feel free to raise questions or concerns during or after the UHCA meeting or contact Councilmember Ward's office at christopherward@sandiego.gov or (619) 236-6633.

LOOKING AHEAD:

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

The UHCA meeting on **Thursday, November 2, 2017**, will feature a discussion of entertaining for the holidays, including trends in food, table setting ideas, homemade items, hot picks, and lots of other interesting topics. Please join us for a lively and informative discussion.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



An unknown entity has proposed placing a permanent stage in Trolley Barn Park.

THAT FIRST HALLOWEEN

This October will be the 20th anniversary of Trick-or-Treat on Maryland Street. That first year we never could have imagined it would grow to be so popular. We had just moved into our little house on Maryland Street in 1997 and wanted to do something big for any trick-or-treaters that would come our way. The house is on the back half of the lot, so we had very little exposure to the street and sidewalk; just a small sliver of grass and a long cement walk-



way leading back to a gate in the fence. I borrowed some equipment from the San Diego Repertory Theatre and we put up a sign with an arrow pointing down the walkway. The gate was dim and undecorated, but a brass serving bell hung from the fence post with a sign that read, "Ring Bell For Treat."

We waited in the dark behind the gate. Some people missed it entirely. And quite a few noticed the sign, looked down the long, dim walkway, and thought better of it. I was beginning to think I had wasted my time dragging those massive speakers and amplifiers out to the gate. The theatre lights hanging in the tree needed 1000 watts each, so I ran electrical cable from several rooms of the house in order to accommodate them and the professional fog machine without tripping the breakers. I owned a heavy, vintage "Falstaff" costume made for an opera in Covent Garden, London, but wearing it while crouched behind the gate was not at all comfortable and more than a little sweaty.

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SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS

A NEIGHBOR'S PERSPECTIVE: PRO

I am opposed to a ban on short-term vacation rentals as I believe you should be able to do with your property as you wish, as long as it's not a nuisance. None of the five rentals within a block of our home have been anything that remotely could be considered a nuisance.

In the beach communities, many rentals turn into party houses. Folks looking to rent in University Heights, however, are looking for a more genuine local experience and tend to be more low key. Reading the reviews of the places near our home, I see that most people mention that they appreciated that this is a quiet neighborhood. They certainly don't bring in any more cars than a long-term rental would. And a short term renter is far more likely to eat at our neighborhood restaurants on a nightly basis which helps keep our business district vital for us all. A vacation rental employs a cleaning person more regularly, and the occupancy taxes collected help fill city coffers far more than a long term rental would.

I appreciate that vacation rentals do reduce the long-term rental market inventory, but this is outweighed by the benefit they bring to the property owners, area businesses, and the city.

A NEIGHBOR'S PERSPECTIVE: CON

Our once tranquil cul-de-sac in UH has turned into Hotel Circle. When our neighbor rented rooms in his home to San Diego locals, we didn't have any problems. Then, two years ago, it became a short term vacation rental (STVR). Despite the owner's presence, we now experience diminished parking, increased noise, and safety concerns about the 500 strangers annually who pass through three STVR rooms. Disrespectful guests leave cigarette butts on our sidewalk, a serious concern with proximity to the canyon. Our realtor advises us that we must disclose the Airbnb use when we sell our house. A stigma for potential buyers, it will likely decrease marketability and sales price. When we purchased

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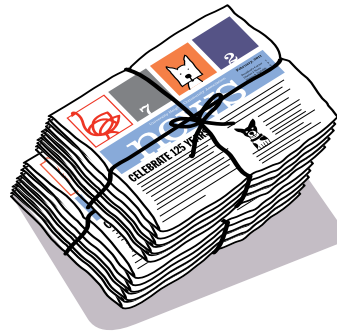
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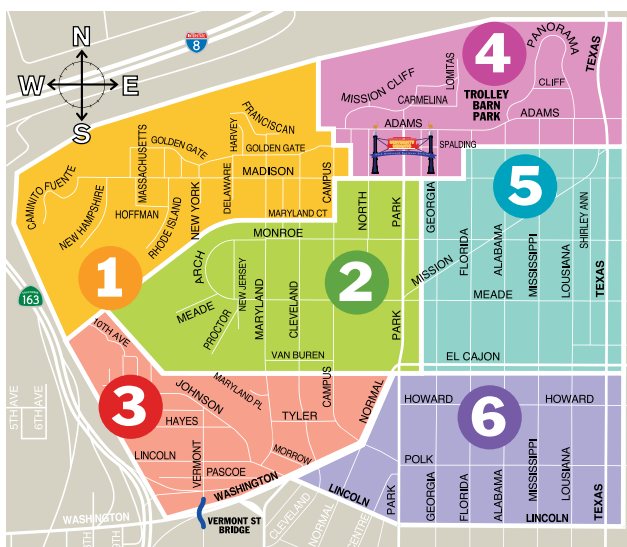


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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BOUNDARIES AND ZONE WATCH



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

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NEW CRIME WATCH SIGNS

Be on the lookout for our new signs coming soon. If you know of an old dilapidated sign that should be given priority, please email UHCA Secretary Kurt Hermansen at: kdh@habeaskurtus.com.



SLOW DOWN SIGNS

Speeding on neighborhood streets in UH is a chronic problem. Shaving time off trips by speeding has small benefits and high risks. If your neighbors can't let their kids play outside because of you, set your alarm clock 15 minutes ahead and slow down.

UH PHONE BOOK

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Code Violations 619-236-5500
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UH Zone Watch Coordinator Nan McGraw nmcsan@aol.com 619-260-0668
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 Report Online: apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/ email photos: cericson@pd.sandiego.gov
 Graffiti Hotline: 619-257-7500
SD Vector Control mosquitoes / ticks / rats 858-694-2888
 Online: vector@sdcounty.ca.gov

If all else fails, contact Chloe Triplett at Councilmember Chris Ward's office
 619-236-6633 cmadison@sandiego.gov



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

I'd say welcome to fall. However as I'm writing this, it's been a week filled with hot and humid weather. Good thing I know that San Diego does shed its gray May, gloom June, and hot summer. Soon it will be time to take out the boxes of Halloween decorations and prepare for trick-or-treaters.

This year, as for the past 20 plus years, promises to be a spectacular time to walk on Maryland Street and see the incredibly playful and creative decorations. It's the wonderful neighbors who have voluntarily decorated their houses, trees, and front lawns. Maryland Street on Halloween has become the largest annual event in University Heights – thanks to the imagination of Andy Cameron and then other neighbors who followed suit.

As I was walking back home last Halloween, my eye caught something black on the sidewalk. It was a wallet. I picked it up and showed it to a neighbor who demanded I find the rightful owner and return it, which I did the following morning. The owner was grateful—and thanked me with a bouquet of flowers. He then added that UH was a special neighborhood and I could not have agreed more.

A more recent incident occurred last week. Friends visiting from Phoenix drove by their former North Park home. They were astonished to see how much that community has changed in the past six years. Instead of being impressed by the new businesses and improvements, they commented how unkempt and crowded it had become. Although I don't completely agree with their assessment, UH on the other hand neither wants to be the community that time forgot nor morph into Little Italy or North Park. We are a separate and distinctive neighborhood where lost items can be found and returned and a dragon reigns (Norbert, that is!).

Enjoy your Halloween!



MUELLER COLLEGE TRANSFORMATION INTO BREWPUB

Red House Pizza owner Shanan Spearing, along with general manager Oliver Peach, will embark on a fresh culinary adventure right next door in the old Mueller College building. Joined by brother Joe Peach, former lead brewer at Lightning Brewery, Kairoa Brewing Company aims to serve as a neighborhood gathering spot.

"We want to incorporate the community spirit of University Heights and add a place that people can grab a bite to eat, hang out with their kids, and enjoy locally crafted beer. It's important for us to embrace being a family owned and operated restaurant and go that extra mile to create a family friendly space as well," says Spearing.

Kairoa is a throwback to the founders' roots, with both Spearing himself and the Peach family hailing from New Zealand. They want to create something that is

reminiscent of New Zealand food culture, yet new and exciting.

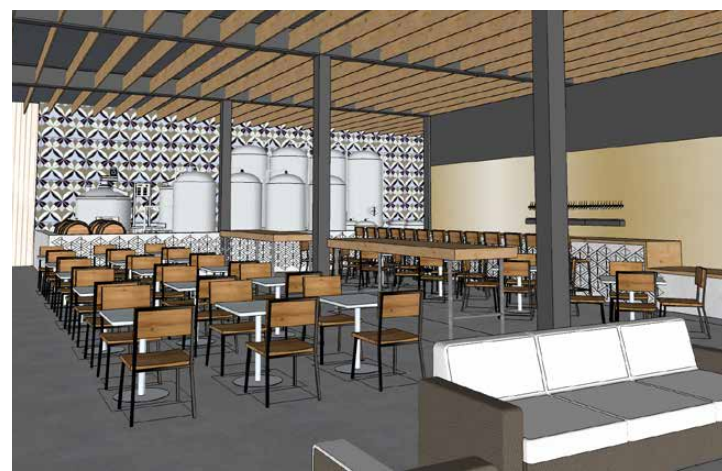
The design, a mix of San Diego cool and Kiwi ingenuity, is headed up by local architect Jason Maune. The focus is on creating an open, welcoming place for locals that will fit seamlessly into the neighborhood, with a rooftop area with a play space for kids, as well as more secluded and private seating areas. The 16-place parking lot in the rear will remain for patrons, to alleviate some of the parking challenges in the neighborhood.

The original building at the northeast corner of Park and Madison, built in 1928, housed four separate businesses. Its latest update was in 1990, when Mueller College Community Wellness Center occupied the location, leaving the building as we know it today.

When thinking about the design of the new space, Spearing explains, "We really wanted something that would add to our amazing community and not take away from the qualities that make it unique. We're very excited to bring community and family options to University Heights with our brewpub project."

The food will be a mix of urban California fare, including vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options, along with Kiwi standards such as fish and chips, meat pies, and sausage rolls. With 22 taps and beer brewed in-house, Kairoa's focus will be on German and English style beers, IPAs, and small batch specialty beers.

The brewpub is slated to open in late spring or summer of 2018.



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in a RS-1 zone, we never imagined we'd be living next to a motel. Please help save our neighborhood! Urge Council Member Ward to protect our zoning rights and the character of UH by voting against home-shared STVRs in residential zones.

OPINION: PRO

Short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) are a decades-old practice in San Diego, but regulation of them has recently become a controversial issue. So far, we have no solution, but addressing issues with short-term housing isn't as complicated as it might seem.

The Short-Term Rental Alliance (STRASD) advocates for common-sense regulations that preserve the benefits STVRs have provided to families and neighborhoods in San Diego for so long, while addressing potential negative impacts.

Most of the 500 members of our coalition rely on STVRs for a number of reasons: to augment income and allow one parent to stay home; to retain access to a property so it can be used for family and friends when needed; to pay the mortgage during military deployment. We are not all foreign investors renting out party houses.

Our renters are international travelers, families on a budget, people in town for medical treatment, folks who just want to stay near their relatives, or people who want to quietly experience a little San Diego living. They're bringing business to our neighborhood shops and restaurants, some of which rarely get a taste of tourism dollars, while also adding millions each year to the city budget that funds our parks, libraries, and streets. We support a regulated system that

identifies careless operators and irresponsible renters and holds them accountable. Under these regulations, all STVRs must register and pay a fee that will go toward round-the-clock enforcement officers. Operators will face escalating fines for noise or other nuisance infractions, losing their permit after three strikes. The prospect of thousands of dollars in fines will cause operators to screen and tend to guests much more carefully.

Every innovation brings challenges, but with thoughtful compromise, we can preserve the economic empowerment so many San Diegans have found in short-term renting while keeping our neighborhoods great. —Belinda Smith, Co-founder, Short Term Rental Alliance of San Diego, www.strasd.com

OPINION: CON

San Diego has 14,000 short-term vacation rentals (STVR), all of them illegal. Of these, 10,000 are whole house (non-owner occupied) STVR conversions, which have been removed from San Diego's regular housing stock. San Diego, in a 15-year housing crisis, is short 68,000 residential units. If the 10,000 conversions were returned to housing stock, the shortfall would be reduced by 15 percent. STVRs in San Diego have increased by 150 percent in the last 24 months, and growth will continue apace unless the law is enforced.

University Heights has 141 whole-house STVRs, more than double the number in March 2016, and 48 home-share (owner-occupied) STVRs, some

of which used to be long-term residential rentals. Currently, only 10 long-term room rentals remain in UH.

Commentator Raoul Lowery Contreras observed that the "short-term rental economy is benefiting very few at the expense of many." Rising rents and home prices force San Diegans to spend more on housing, and workers are often forced to find affordable housing only in distant suburbs, necessitating hours of daily commuting. Home ownership declines, and the less fortunate are one rent increase—or STVR conversion—away from homelessness.

If the STVR controversy was only about noise, policing might solve it. But it's not. This complex and fundamental issue is about communities and neighborhoods. By definition, residents reside and tourists are transient. Transients, therefore, do not belong in residential zones.

The California Supreme Court recognized this important distinction: "Short-term tenants have little interest in public agencies or in the welfare of the citizenry....Literally, they are here today and gone tomorrow without engaging in the sort of activities that weld and strengthen a community."

So, in what kind of community do you want to live?

Learn more at SaveSanDiegoNeighborhoods.org or at SSDN's Facebook page. — Tom Coat, President, Save San Diego Neighborhoods, and John Thickstun

RESTAURANT REVIEW

HUNDRED PROOF

Steve, one of the owners, and Lindsey, one of the servers at Hundred Proof.



Four of us got together for an evening of good food and gracious service at Hundred Proof, a new bar/restaurant in our neighborhood. This welcome addition to the UH culinary roster is owned and operated by the same team that brought us Trust Restaurant, the very popular and elegant restaurant down the street, on the corner of Park and Robinson. Executive Chef Brad Wise does the cooking at both locations, assisted by Executive Sous Chef Travis Weisner and Beverage Manager Juan Sanchez. The distinction between the two establishments—Trust is a restaurant with a bar, and Hundred Proof is a bar with a restaurant—becomes evident rather quickly. Trust is known for its excellent cuisine. Hundred Proof, on the other hand, is primarily a drinking place. The food offerings are good but limited, as the focus is on the impressive array of alcoholic beverages—11 imaginative, hand-crafted cocktails; beer, both draft (8) and bottled (13); 8 boilermakers (shots with a sidekick of beer); a half dozen wines; 41 whiskeys; 12 gins; 7 vodkas; 9 rums; several brandies; no less than 18 agaves; 3 delicious boozy milkshakes; and a final category designated “More” for the rest of the list! The food portion of the

menu, by contrast, occupies less than 15 percent of the total, divided into “Provisions,” 15 small plates ranging in price from \$9 to \$14 and ideal for sharing, and “Pizza,” with 3 items priced from \$14 to \$16.

Naturally, we started with drinks. Two of us ordered the Trust #2 cocktail, an excellent combination of jalapeno tequila, grapefruit, lime, agave, and firewater bitters, topped with a cucumber slice sprinkled with Tajin. Very refreshing on a warm summer evening; not too sweet and with a welcome kick from the Tajin. The others ordered beer (the Coronado Seacoast Pilsner) and a glass of Montana Tempranillo, a Spanish red. The wine was served way too warm, but was fine after being cooled with an ice cube.

The group ordered five of the small plates and one pizza to share. The short rib bao buns, served with Korean sauce, sweet pickle, cilantro, carrot, and spicy aioli, were a favorite. But then, how could you go wrong with anything that included short ribs and aioli! The soft pretzel, stuffed with smoked beef brisket and served with pickled onion and cheddar beer sauce, was also a hit—well-seasoned ingredients, interesting texture, and the pretzel vehicle did not overwhelm the

filling. The pork meatball was tender and delicious with Italian accompaniments—roasted garlic, red sauce, whipped ricotta, and basil.

The crispy chicken oysters, tasty but less imaginative than the other dishes, consisted of chicken served in an oyster shape with sticky Korean sauce, mint, Serrano chile, and cilantro. The HP Burger, touted by our server as the best in town, was very good, but on a par with the very good burgers served at so many upscale restaurants these days. The fries served with it were just average; we all thought they could easily be elevated to sublime as truffle fries! The ‘shroom pizza, with wild mushrooms, roasted garlic, thyme, and three Italian cheeses, was clearly superior to the usual “pizza house” pizza.

The bottom line: Hundred Proof provides limited food and a vast array of beverages in a nice setting with good service. The food is delicious, far superior to typical “bar food,” but it is secondary—drinks predominate here. Also, be warned: The place is very noisy. It is all hard surfaces without any cushioning to absorb the sound, and fairly loud music playing constantly, which makes it difficult to hear

your fellow eaters. If you derive energy from such unrelenting din, the atmosphere will not bother you. However, if you want a nice, quiet dinner with soft conversation with your dinner companions (call me old-fashioned), perhaps stop by for just a pre or post-dinner drink.

The restaurant does not take reservations, but we had no trouble snagging a booth at 6:30 on a Thursday night. For some reason, the bar does not answer the phone even if you call during business hours, and there is no provision for leaving a message. However, you can send a message through their website, listed below. —The UHCA News Editorial Board

Hundred Proof
4130 Park Boulevard, 92116
619-501-6404
Hours: Brunch, Lunch, Dinner
Monday-Saturday, 12 pm-Close
Sunday, 10 am-Close
Happy Hour: Monday-Friday, 3-6 pm
www.hundredproofsd.com

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HILLCREST FARMERS MARKET 9 am - 2 pm	2	3 Uptown Planners Meeting: 4452 Park Blvd., Suite 104 6:30 pm	4 UHCDC Meeting 4452 Park Blvd. Suite 104, 6:30 pm	5 UH Rec Council Meeting Alice Birney Library, 5:30 pm UHCA Meeting: Alice Birney Auditorium, 6:45 pm UHCA News Deadline for November Issue	6	7 The Point Clean Up 1:30 - 3:30 pm Golden Gate btwn RI & Del.
8 HILLCREST FARMERS MARKET 9 am - 2 pm	9 Columbus Day	10 Hillcrest Town Council Joyce Beers Center Uptown Complex 6 pm Friends of the Library UH Chapter UH Branch Library 6 pm	11	12 Curbside Recycling	13	14
15 HILLCREST FARMERS MARKET 9 am - 2 pm	16	17 NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 North Park Way 6:30 pm	18 UH Library Task Force UH Library 6:30 pm	19	20 Preview Book Sale (Friends members only) Friends of the Library, UH Library 3 - 6 pm	21 Book Sale (open to the public) Friends of the Library, UH Library, 8 am - 3 pm UH Library Open House: 11 am - noon Movie in the Park: The Princess Bride, 6 pm
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MOSQUITO MAYHEM

My wife and I have fallen victim to multiple mosquito bites of late. We honestly have not seen a problem like this in the 35 years we have lived in University Heights. An online search suggested using "mosquito dunks" to kill mosquito larvae in water that could not be drained (in fish ponds, ditches, or rain barrels). Roughly the diameter of a silver dollar, a dunk is dropped into standing water and releases a toxin that kills only mosquito larvae—it won't harm fish, birds, or other animals.

We also googled "vector control San Diego" and clicked on "Mosquitoes" at the website for the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health, where we discovered a vast array of information about mosquito species, life cycles, mosquito-borne diseases, mosquito fish, and a multitude of links to prevent and report mosquito problems. Contact information: (858) 694-2888; vector@sdcountry.ca.gov; and a link to an online form. We called and arranged a visit by a very knowledgeable young technician named Andrew Rivera.

Andrew identified our culprits as the Invasive Aedes Asian Tiger Mosquito, which transmits viruses that can cause serious human illness. Andrew walked our entire property, pointing out all of the potential sources for mosquito breeding. We learned that mosquitoes live within

200 to 300 feet of their hatchery as they hunt their prey. That would be the females that feed on us as they have to feed their eggs. We also learned that the County uses mosquito dunks for mosquito abatement, and that once we apply the dunks to begin the larvae treatment, we would still have to endure the live mosquitoes for up to three weeks. We broke out our battery-powered tennis racket style insect zappers to deal with the current onslaught. We bought these originally to deal with flies, but flies are very challenging to zap. Not so for mosquitoes.

We encourage all our neighbors to use the very informative county website discussed above to learn about mosquito control in University Heights. Bottom line: Get rid of that standing water or treat it with mosquito dunks. *—Jim Manner*



BETWEEN THE COVERS

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE UH LIBRARY

It was great seeing so many familiar faces and being able to make some new friends at the Trolley Barn Park film screening of Willy Wonka in August! Here are some of the things that'll be happening at the University Heights Library (but you don't need an excuse to come by and visit us).

Every Saturday, 10:30-11:30 am, **Arts & Crafts for Kids** (through primary grade-level).

Every other Friday, including September 29 and October 13 and 27, **STEAM Story Time**, a story time program with a focus on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math for pre-readers.

Wednesday, September 27, 4:30 pm, World Below the Waves presents **Shark and Ray Diversity**, where you can learn about the roles sharks and their relatives play and how vital they are to protecting the ocean's health. Sponsored by the Friends of the University Heights Library.

Monday, October 2, 10:30 am, all San Diego Public Library locations will celebrate the launch of the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** early literacy initiative with a story time featuring "Can You Make a Scary Face" by Jan Thomas.

Wednesday, October 11, 4:30-5:30 pm, **Plaster Skull Workshop**, where Back From Tomboctou will help participants of all ages decorate and paint plaster of Paris skulls for Halloween and Day of the Dead! Sponsored by the Friends of the University Heights Library.

Please join us to celebrate National Friends of the Library Week: UH Library Open House, Saturday October 21 from 11 am to noon.

Follow us on Facebook to keep track of all of our events and more about our library and our community. Our handle is @universityheightslibrary. *—Alan Bugg, Librarian, UH Branch Library*



Library Hours

Monday	9:30 am	– 6pm
Tuesday	11:30am	– 8pm
Wednesday	11:30am	– 8pm
Thursday	9:30 am	– 6pm
Friday	9:30 am	– 6pm
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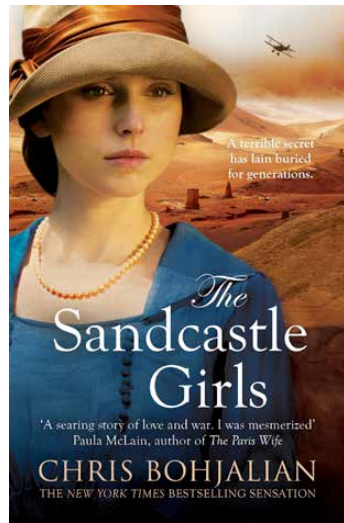
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OCTOBER BOOK CLUB AND SALON

THE SANDCASTLE GIRLS BY CHRIS BOHJALIAN

The One Book, One San Diego selection, *The Sandcastle Girls*, was announced by KPBS in August as the final choice for 2017. The all-volunteer One Book Advisory Committee, comprised of literary experts, discussed the merits of 206 titles submitted by the public before choosing *The Sandcastle Girls*. A few of the other finalists were *The Coyote's Bicycle* by Kimball Taylor, *Barbarian Days* by William Finnegan, *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic* by Sam Quinones, and *The Mothers* by Britt Benett.

One Book, One San Diego, a community wide-reading program in its 11th year,



includes more than 20 community partners. Started in 2006 by KPBS, along with the San Diego Public Library, the program encourages everyone in the region to read and discuss the same book.

Bohjalian's novel is grounded in a real-life tragedy known by too few—the slaughter of more than a million Armenians in Turkey just before World War I.

This powerful novel, a multi-generational tale spanning nearly 100 years, is initially set in Syria during World War I. It focuses on the events that led to the coining of the new word "genocide."

Drawing for the first time on his own heritage, Bohjalian, the grandson of Armenian survivors, imbues passion, pride, and sadness into his tale of ethnic cleansing, destruction, and endurance.

New members always welcome! The book will be available at the UH Library's front desk during September and October.

UH Book Club & Salon

Wednesday, October 25, at 6:30 pm
San Diego Public Library,
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FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

The Friends of University Heights Library will celebrate the 12th annual National Friends of Libraries Week on October 15 through the 21st.

Friends of Libraries groups across the country support their branch libraries in a variety of ways. Every year, the Friends of the UH Library raises funds and provides program support to our library. Friends' membership dues provide some of the funds needed to support our branch, but our chapter also raises money through our annual used book sale held every August. Last year, we also sold tote bags with a rendering of the library building to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the building that houses our library.

The money we have raised has funded substantial purchases for the library: furniture for the children's area, a

student workstation, and an expanded Express Books collection. We also sponsor children's activities and performances, as well as programming for adults. The money we raise is matched 100 percent by the City of San Diego's Matching Funds, so every dollar we raise provides double the support to our library.

Currently 175 people in our community are members of our Friends chapter, and nearly 25 of those members volunteer to assist with fundraising efforts. If you have not already joined, or if you have never volunteered, please stop by the library to find out how you can become more involved.

Also, check out the UH Library's Facebook page to learn more about the National Friends of Libraries Week activities we have planned. *—Isabel Schechter, Secretary, Friends of UH Library*

ATTENTION: BLOCKWALKER NEEDED

To deliver the paper to the 1700-2300 blocks of Adams Avenue (from the west end of Adams Avenue to the Texas Street Bridge). Blockwalkers are a special breed of volunteer in University Heights. They are the dedicated distributors of the 5,000 newspapers printed in our community each

month. These 62 people volunteer to deliver the UHCA News to the households and businesses on their routes throughout our community. Would you be Blockwalker Volunteer #63? If so, please contact Nan McGraw (619)260-0668 or nmcsan@aol.com).

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A RECIPE FOR YOUR FILE

FALL FOR CREAMY PUMPKIN SOUP

Fall is a great time to enjoy a nice warm bowl of soup as the seasons change to a cooler autumn feel. This recipe is so easy and comes together quickly. It features great spice flavors with a creamy pumpkin soup base. I've been making this for years and always get plenty of compliments when I serve it. It's great served with some crusty bread. Add a green salad and you have an entire meal. Enjoy!

(Serves 8)

2 tbs. olive oil	1/8 tsp. ground pepper
1 1/2 c. chopped onion	2 bay leaves
3/4 tsp. ground cumin	2 cans pumpkin puree (29 oz.)
1/2 tsp. ground coriander	1 can coconut milk (13.5 oz.)
1 3/4 tsp. yellow curry powder	1 can diced tomatoes (14.5 oz.) not drained
1 1/2 tsp. salt or to taste	4 cups chicken stock (can use vegetable stock)

DIRECTIONS

Heat olive oil in large (5 quart), thick-bottomed stock pot over medium heat. Add chopped onion and sauté until soft and tender, about 5 minutes. Add the cumin, coriander, yellow curry powder, salt, and pepper. Stir and cook for about 1 minute longer. Add the remaining ingredients and stir well to combine.

Increase heat to high and bring to a soft boil; then reduce heat to simmer. Simmer for about 15 to 20 minutes. Taste and adjust the salt and seasonings if needed. Remove the bay leaves. If soup is too thick, add a bit more stock.

Transfer soup mixture to blender (in batches, if necessary) and process until smooth. Alternatively, use an immersion blender to puree the soup in the cooking pot.

Serve warm with some crusty bread. Enjoy! *-Susan Holts*



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SCHOOL NEWS

BIRNEY BUZZ



LOTS GOING ON IN OCTOBER

School is back in full swing at Birney, and our October is filled with events:

• Register your Ralph's card: log in to www.ralphs.com, sign into or create your account, then select My Account > Account Settings > Community Rewards and select Birney Elementary.

• **October 6:** Star Party at Birney. The San Diego Astronomy Association will set up its telescopes on Birney's campus for stargazing. This is a fun event for students and concessions will be available from the Birney PTA. No vehicles on campus, please.

• **October 11:** Birney's School Smarts Parent Academy returns to educate parents about advocacy in our school system on local, state, and national levels.

• **Through October:** Birney FOABE Fall Fundraiser. Get your holiday shopping done in October: bags made from recycled materials, high quality kitchen gadgets, and holiday wrapping paper! Check out <http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com>

and enter fundraiser ID 355050 to have up to 50% of your sale go to funding our International Baccalaureate (IB) Education.

• **October 20:** Birney Night Out at U-31 in North Park starting at 6 pm with four separate raffle drawings and multiple silent auction packages! Open to the public.

• **October 31:** Birney's Annual Costume Parade and Pumpkin Walk.

Give a Latte! For the price of a latte a week, you can cover the IB education for one student, including art, garden, Spanish enrichment, field trips, assemblies, and IB materials. A monthly contribution of \$20 (the price of a few fancy lattes) could go a long way to ensuring the continuation of our IBPYP school here in University Heights. Sign up today to give a student a world-class education: <http://friendsofalicebirney.org/give-a-latte/>. -Kim Schultz



ROO NEWS

TRICK OR TROT RUN IS OCTOBER 29

Save The Date! The Friends of Roosevelt Foundation (RooFriends) will hold our Fourth Annual Trick or Trot 5K/1 Mile Fun Run at Morley Field in Balboa Park on Sunday, October 29th. Each year, this event attracts hundreds of runners of all ages from our community, many running in costumes for a good cause. Proceeds will support after-school enrichment programs for Roosevelt students.

The Trick or Trot Fun Run's course goes through Morley field and Florida Canyon on the edge of Balboa Park. Participants are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes, and prizes will be awarded for best costume as well as best time. Individuals and families alike are encouraged to participate! This fun fundraiser brings together students, families, alumni, neighbors, and local businesses to support Roosevelt's After School Clubs and Enrichment Programs.

RACE-DAY TIMELINE

- 8 am Race packet pick up and same-day race registration opens
- 9 am 5k fun run begins
- 9 - 10:30 am Free face painting
- 10 am 1 mile fun run/walk begins
- 10:25 am Pumpkin race
- 10:30 am Awards ceremony commences



Registration opens in September: www.trickortrotsd.com

San Diego Maker's Faire: October 7 & 8

Roosevelt will again be hosting a table at the San Diego Maker's Faire in Balboa Park. The Maker's Faire is "a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker's Faire is a venue to for these 'makers' to show hobbies, experiments, projects. We call it the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth — a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness." Last year, Roosevelt's booth, which focused on robotics, was a hub of activity! We need volunteers to help staff our table. If you are interested in science and want to help inspire the next generation of scientists, please volunteer and you will receive **FREE ADMISSION** to the event. Please contact rooseveltpsa1@gmail.com if you can help.

Park for December Nights at Roosevelt

Going to December Nights? Don't waste your time looking for parking, come to Roosevelt! It's a win for all. For a \$15 donation, you get close, convenient parking without the hassle; and Roosevelt gets support for our enrichment programs. Parking on the Roosevelt campus will be available beginning Friday, December 1, at 3 pm and on Saturday, December 2, at noon. Come see us! - Laura Dadmun

MANAGING FINANCIAL RISK

As a Financial Adviser, I get many inquiries from my clients about financial risk. Many people think of risk as the risk of their investments going down in value, like the stock market. However, other risks may have an even larger impact on you. Here are three to consider:

if your savings are taxed at 30% on earnings, after holding money for many years, you could easily have less than half the amount of money than you would have without taxes. Are your financial strategies tax efficient?

Inflation: The slow rise of prices can have a big impact on you. At even a modest 3% inflation, everything will cost double in less than 25 years. Will your income double in 25 years to maintain your lifestyle? Will you be prepared to pay \$60 for a couple of movie tickets? Are you saving enough to counter this impact?

Risk is a broad issue that encompasses many aspects of our lives. Financial risk is an inevitable part of life's challenges. Proper planning can never eliminate risk, but it can reduce its impact, to help protect your lifestyle and your loved ones.

-Scott Schechter, Financial Adviser, Eagle Strategies LLC, a Registered Investment Adviser, CA Insurance Lic. # OE52859

Unexpected Events: Life is what happens while we're busy making plans. Your nest egg could disappear due to unexpected challenges such as a job loss, parents or children who need financial support, or a large loss in your investment portfolio. Also, medical costs are the leading cause of bankruptcy in this country. In addition, a long-term medical issue or possible death in the family could wipe out all the income you expect to receive in the future. Do you have adequate insurance and emergency funds to protect against that?

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Taxes: We should all pay our fair share, but also manage our taxes. For example, currently a middle-class family in our area is likely to be in a tax bracket above 30% when we combine federal and California state taxes. Although it is counterintuitive,



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At last, a group of young kids started down the walkway. They each had a pillowcase in hand with only a few pieces of candy in each. They finally reached the gate and read the sign out loud. Then silence. No whispering. No adjusting of costumes. No rustling of pillowcases. Nothing. My legs began to cramp as I considered what went wrong. Was the bell not visible? Could they not reach it? Did they leave? I was just about to stand up and take a look when the discussion broke out. All the deductive powers of the brightest 3rd grade intellect were brought to bear in a lengthy discussion of the merits and possible disastrous consequences involved in ringing that little bell. Eventually a parent called out from the sidewalk to this group of underage micro-managers; and just then, in an act of extreme courage, one of the kids grabbed

the bell and rang it good and loud. I hit all my switches, jumped up, and threw open the gate. The theatre lights turned night into day as the pipe organ from Phantom of the Opera thundered down upon the little group now enveloped in a thick white fog. By the time my eyes had adjusted and the fog began to clear, I turned off the music and looked out at an empty walkway. I could still hear the little-girl screams trailing off in several directions when my wife said, "Maybe tone it down a little."

We did tone it down and change it quite a bit that first Halloween in 1997. We had to. The bell had been torn right off the fence and vanished with that first group. The bell re-appeared the next morning, thanks to a thoughtful parent, and Halloween has gotten better and better each year, thanks to a wonderful neighborhood. -Andy Cameron





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BEAUTIFICATION TEAM REPORT

A BUSY SUMMER FOR BEAUTIFICATION

Summer is the time when we all try to take time off and relax. It has been no different for the UHCA Beautification Team and its corps of community volunteers. Nevertheless, your team has been active over the summer. After doing maintenance of the library garden early in the summer, team members and supporting volunteers have completed these projects.

Andy Lange cleared the weeds in the Washington Avenue medians. Erin MacKinnon's continuing efforts led to the installation of two new benches and three new trees in the swing area of Trolley Barn Park. Stu McGraw, Andy Lange, and Dave Holts power washed the Vermont Street Bridge. In response to contacts initiated by team members, the city cleared a large accumulation of

trash under the south end of the bridge left by a homeless encampment. Under the north end of the bridge, team members and volunteers continued to collect the trash and debris along the 163 on ramp.

Under the leadership of Michelle Fenwick, Dan Weiss, and Nadav Goldschmied (a Birney Elementary parent), the city is planting new trees along Campus and Meade adjacent to the school. Finally, Jill Briggs once again organized another wonderful movie night in the park.

Thank you to all of these volunteers who work to make our community beautiful. Mark your calendars for our fall cleanup along Texas Street. Hope to see you there. *-Rod Girvin, UHCA Beautification Team Leader, crgirvin@cox.net*

NEW TREES COMING TO UH

The UH Urban Forestry Program has two exciting announcements. First, all of UH is finally mapped. We know every parking strip that has room for more trees to beautify, clean the air, and cool down UH during the hotter months. Second, new trees donated by the City will be planted soon along Meade and Campus around Birney Elementary. How great will that be! Now we are ready to help you get new

trees planted for free in front of your residence and along your street. The first step is for residents wanting trees to sign a watering agreement, promising to water the tree(s) for three years. If you want your street to be lined with lovely, leafy new trees, help us by getting your neighbors to sign the watering agreements. Contact Michelle Fenwick to get started. fenwicmk@miamioh.edu

GARDEN OF THE MONTH

AN EVOLVING GARDEN

We are longtime residents of University Heights and love the neighborhood. Our yard and gardens however continue to evolve. We have added an outdoor kitchen, patio, and fireplace where we enjoy spending time with friends and neighbors or just by ourselves.

A few years ago we replaced our 3,500 square foot lawn in the back yard with native and drought tolerant plants. Although we loved the expanse of the large lawn, the amount of water to keep it green was significant.

We now have created a small meadow with two large swales, separated by a walking path to the canyon at the back of the yard. The swales contain native salvias, firecracker bushes, lobelia, penstemon, yarrow, buckwheat, and sedges. The meadow and swales require only drip and micro spray watering in the summer. We eliminated more than 30 sprinkler heads, which reduced water usage by at least 60 percent.

We both love to garden and have a flower cutting garden, a vegetable kitchen garden, and several fruit trees. There is also a cactus and succulent garden with age old jade, agave, sedum, prickly pear, and many others too numerous to mention.

These gardens are both wildlife and butterfly habitat certified. We are fortunate to have a wonderful variety of wildlife visit our yard, including skunks, opossums, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, and squirrels. Resident and migrating song birds are attracted to the rich supply of plant material while red tailed, red shouldered, and cooper's hawks regularly fly overhead.

We are so fortunate to live on a canyon rim that provides expansive tree top views and offers much delightful time enjoying the abundant wildlife of the area. Replacing the lawn areas with a meadow and native plantings invites many birds and other canyon critters to come visit. We truly enjoy our little slice of University Heights heaven. *-David and Susan Holts*



PLUME ROD GIRVIN

If you go to Twiggs on Park Blvd. many mornings, you may have met Rod having coffee with what he fondly calls "the Twiggys." If not, maybe you've seen him sweeping the Vermont Street Bridge, planting or watering two succulent gardens by Lincoln and Washington, or removing graffiti here and there. These are some of his many volunteer contributions as Leader of UHCA's Beautification Team.

make him an effective and admired Team Leader. He even writes great articles for this paper! We are delighted to have Rod's energy, commitment, initiative, and follow-through to continue, and expand upon, the community association's vision of an aesthetically pleasing neighborhood where volunteers come together and make things happen.

After decades of maintaining a large property in East County, Rod and his wife Nancy moved to a condo (with no yard work!) in UH. They probably thought they were going to have a peaceful retirement walking their dogs to Twiggs daily when they weren't traveling the world or heading to their cabin in Big Bear. They weren't here long before Rod was recruited to be a volunteer. He started going to UHCA Beautification Team meetings in March 2016. Eight months later, he accepted the invitation to be its next leader and brought Nancy into the group as well. Rod's years of leadership in the Navy followed by a career as a school principal (and all that property he tended)

Say Hi to Rod if you see him around the 'hood, thank him, and ask him how you can volunteer too! A pile of plumes and many thanks to Rod Girvin.



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FROM YOUR COUNCILMEMBER

ONGOING EFFORTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

Like many of you, I've been surprised and frustrated by the slow pace of the construction on the University Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project and concerned about the disruptions it continues to cause in University Heights, Hillcrest, and North Park.

The scope of the repair is significantly long and complex because these pipes are in dire need of replacement to avoid major water main breaks and service disruptions in the future.

My staff and I have been working closely with city staff to accelerate this project and with the community to minimize disruptions and provide timely information.

As the Vice-Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, I am drawing from our ongoing experiences with the process and quality control of this project to work on improved standards throughout the city.

Thank you for all you do in and for University Heights, and for the opportunity to serve. I hope I'll see you at my office hours and community coffees throughout the district each month.

- Councilmember Chris Ward, San Diego City Council District 3

FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR

DEALING WITH CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

San Diego County confronts an affordable housing crisis that touches virtually all economic levels and neighborhoods, including University Heights.

I have made affordable housing and homelessness a priority since 2016 when I served as chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

We also tackled a huge challenge of homelessness: the severely mentally ill. Supervisor Greg Cox and I secured approval for Project One For All.

Early this year I agreed to become chairman of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH).

That's good news. The sobering part is we still counted 8,209 people countywide in need of permanent housing.

This year, the Board of Supervisors approved three initiatives:

- A \$25 million Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help build projects.
A \$500,000 Innovation Fund to stimulate ideas for new, less-costly affordable units.
A study of 11 surplus county properties as candidates for affordable housing projects.

One of the newest County initiatives is Whole Person Wellness. With \$4.5 million in County funds and \$4.5 million in Federal funds, we are establishing a dozen System Integration Teams.

To help us at the homeless task force, we hired Gordon Walker, a national leader in reducing homelessness, as CEO. His "Housing First" model, which has been embraced nationally, focuses on getting chronic homeless into housing.

Although Housing First is the long-term winning strategy, we do need more immediate measures. Thus, I support a limited number of new temporary shelters, staffed with people dedicated to helping each resident find a permanent home as quickly as possible.

The task ahead is large, but manageable. I'm confident we have the collective will, talent, and resources to make a meaningful and lasting reduction in chronic homelessness.

-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.

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At the end of North and Adams, the San Diego Cable Railway Company developed The Bluffs, a park that eventually was purchased by John Spreckels just before the turn of the 20th century. This 20-acre botanical garden, Mission Cliff, was the end of the line for the streetcars Spreckels owned and was considered the city's premier public park. In 1904, the Harvey Bentley Ostrich Farm moved to UH and enjoyed great success because of the popularity of ostrich feathers in women's fashions. The farm also was open to the public and visitors could ride the birds for a fee. In 1913, a trolley car barn was built next to the farm. The barn was used for repairs and down time storage of the trolley cars until the 1940s, when buses replaced the street cars. From 1949 until 1976, the property was

the home of the San Diego Paper Box Company. In 1979, the property was sold and the building was demolished.

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

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- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Make sure you walk and not run from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks. If not possible, walk along the far edge of the road facing traffic.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame resistant costumes.



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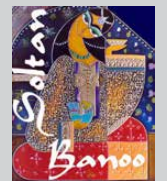
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