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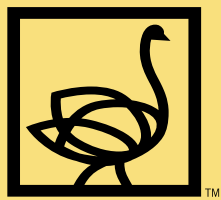
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University Heights Community Association April 2024

Oh, For the Love of a Healthy Planet!

BY JUDITH ANNICCHIARICO

We will never recycle our way out of our plastic pollution problem. Those nice, thick plastic bags we can purchase for ten cents at Sprouts, Ralphs, and many other stores were exempted from our state's plastic bag ban ten years ago because—we were told—the thicker bags would be recycled. BUT THEY'RE NOT. CalRecycle doesn't even list data on the recycling rate for those bags because it's too minuscule to matter. Plastic degrades every time it's recycled, so even the stuff that is recycled goes through the process only once or twice. Then it becomes everyone's problem. It doesn't go away. We're all aware, by now, of the life-altering microplastics in our water, soil, food, and bodies.

How about just opting out of plastic consumption? Here are some ideas to try this month:

Effective laundry detergent sheets packaged in cardboard envelopes mean there is no reason to keep purchasing multi-hued, plastic-encased pods or giant plastic containers of laundry goo. EarthBreeze has been rated by Consumer Reports and Wirecutter as the most effective brand of laundry sheets, and Lazy Acres on W. Washington carries them in-store. AspenClean makes highly rated plastic-free dishwasher detergent pods which can be shipped from Canada, while additional brands of plastic-free dishwasher pods can be found in our local stores. Shampoo and conditioner bars for sale at Lazy Acres, Whole Foods, Earthwell Refill, and The Mighty Bin come in paper boxes or no packaging at all, and some of these bars are even made here in San Diego. People still purchasing water in plastic bottles because they don't like the taste of water from their home faucets should definitely invest in a home sink filtration kit. Pur Advanced Faucet Filters can be had at Home Depot for less than the cost of a month's worth of plastic bottled water. Even better, install an under-sink filtration system like the Aquasana AQ-5300+Max Flow, and you'll have tasty filtered water for cooking, houseplant watering, and drinking available at the touch of a dedicated tap. Compare the upfront cost to regular bottled water consumption, and it's easy to see that a home filter is the smartest and cleanest way

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Celebrating 40 Years of University Heights Community Association: A Tribute

For four decades, the University Heights Community Association (UHCA) has been the heartbeat of our vibrant neighborhood, a testament to the power of community spirit and collective action. It all began 40 years ago when a small yet determined group of neighbors united to preserve the land that now stands as the beloved Old Trolley Barn Park. Their unwavering dedication and perseverance saved a precious piece of our community's history and green space from the clutches of development, leaving an enduring legacy for generations to come.

At the heart of the UHCA's mission is the commitment to keep our community informed, engaged, and connected. Through the publication of a free monthly newsletter, with a remarkable circulation of over 4000, the association ensures that every resident stays informed about local news, events, and stories that shape our neighborhood's identity. This publication serves not only as a source of information but also as a platform to celebrate our collective achievements and milestones.

In addition to keeping us informed, the UHCA is a catalyst for community celebration and camaraderie. From the iconic University Heights sign's 25th-anniversary block party to various cultural and social events, the association creates opportunities for neighbors to come together, share laughter, and forge lasting friendships. These gatherings not only celebrate our community's diversity and vibrancy but also strengthen the bonds that make University Heights a truly special place to call home.

Moreover, the UHCA's Beautification Committee stands as a beacon of dedication and stewardship, tirelessly working to ensure that University Heights remains a clean, green, and safe environment

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Honoring The Huffman Sixpacks

BY NAN MCGRAW

Ray Huffman, 1934-2001, was a prolific apartment developer in the early sixties. Many were upset at the time of curb cuts, parking in front and back, and 'over the top' facades. But we would welcome him now!

The first apartment ever built by Huffman's construction company still stands. A nine-unit complex at 4525 Texas Street, three blocks north of El Cajon Boulevard, it has a kind of scalloped front that might have been considered "futuristic" looking back in the early Sixties. But like so many of Huffman's later buildings, it also has four parking spaces in front (there are five more in the back), making it almost certain that the front of the building will be partially obscured by parked cars.

Ray worked for Hedrick Construction Company in the Pasadena area before opening an office in San Diego in 1957. For five years Huffman learned the ins and outs of apartment development. By 1962 he was part-owner of three small lots and, by supplementing \$2000 in savings and some borrowed, he started building apartments. Huffman handled the construction, and his wife Caroline handled the business and accounting end. They were quite a team.

Ray Huffman built over 600 apartment buildings, more than 7000 units, in San Diego. Land costs were low or moderate at the time and subcontractors were willing to work for a low profit margin. He bought small homes and courtyard apartments, erected his "cookie cutter" buildings in their place, taking street parking out for parking in front and back. You will see many of his buildings in University Heights: Cleveland,

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NEXT UHCA MEETING
APRIL 4
6:45 pm 4345 Campus Ave

UH Pedestrian Safety Workshop

Are you concerned about pedestrian safety and the flow of traffic in our neighborhood? Meet Claudia and Krystal, two dedicated traffic engineers ready to tackle our community's challenges head-on! They will be joining us at the April 4th University Heights Community Association meeting to discuss various options available to improve pedestrian safety and implement traffic calming measures.

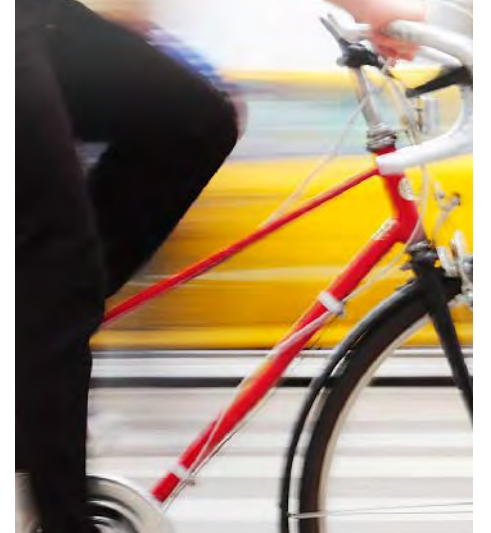
Claudia Brizuela is a Senior Traffic Engineer at the Sustainability & Mobility Department of the City of San Diego and Krystal Ayala is Program Manager of Curb and Parking at the City of San Diego. Both Claudia and Krystal are passionate about creating safer streets and enhancing the overall livability of our neighborhood.

With their expertise and innovative ideas, Claudia and Krystal will explore practical solutions tailored to our community's needs. From implementing crosswalk enhancements to introducing traffic flow technologies, they're committed to finding the most effective strategies to make our streets safer for everyone.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with Claudia and Krystal, and join the conversation about shaping the future of transportation in University Heights. Together, we can build a safer, more vibrant community for all!

Mark your calendars for the April 4th meeting and be prepared to be inspired by Claudia and Krystal's passion for safer streets in University Heights. Let's make our neighborhood a model of pedestrian safety and community-driven traffic solutions! See you there!

LOOKING AHEAD MAY 2 BIKE SAFETY



OUR VISION

UH is a rare community, a village within the larger city of San Diego. We take pride in our historic past. And for the future envision a new library, a secure and pedestrian-friendly community, considerate growth accompanied by well-planned infrastructure to sustain that development. Additionally, we foresee a remarkable transformation of the Board of Education property, featuring a substantial park to accommodate assured future growth. Our village aims to be renowned for its amicable and unique character, distinctive business community, commitment to canyon preservation, and active citizen participation.

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**OR BY MAIL:
 UHCA PO BOX 33032
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Volunteer Your Time on a UHCA Committee!

- Beautification & Planning
- Blockwalker/Deliver Papers on your Block
- Marketing / Merchandising
- UHCA News
- Program & Events
- Neighborhood/Zone Watch
- Membership
- More info @uhsd.org/volunteer

OUR MISSION

The University Heights Community Association (UHCA), founded in 1983, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, member-supported community association dedicated to improving the quality of life and the sense of community in San Diego's University Heights.

A portion of your membership is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more info, email membership@uhsd.org

UHCA NEWS

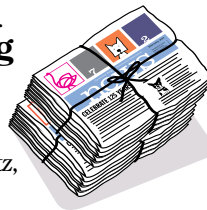
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Zone Watch Coordinators manage email lists of participants wishing to receive University Heights crime watch information and updates. Download more on the UH Zone Watch program at uhsd.org or contact your zone's coordinator or Nan McGraw.



CRIME WATCH SIGNS
 There are 60 signs in UH. If you know of a location that could use a sign, or one needing replacing please email signs@uhsd.org.



SLOW DOWN SIGNS
 Speeding in UH continues to be a problem. Shaving time off by speeding has small benefits and high risks. **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!**



FILE A POLICE REPORT ONLINE WITH SDPD
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UH PHONE BOOK

Emergency • Police • Fire • Medical 911
Non-Emergency Suspicious Activity, Homeless Outreach Team, etc. 619-531-2000
 Online: non-emergency problems: www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done
SD City Services Emergency & Non-Emergency 619-527-7500
 Street lights, pot holes, etc.
 Online: www.sandiego.gov/city-hall/departments
Alert San Diego readyсандiego.org/alertсандiego/
 Reverse 911 mobile phone evacuation emergency notifications
2-1-1 San Diego 211 or 858-300-1211
 Free Resources: CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Covered California, etc.
Alice Birney Elementary Office 619-497-3500
Brush and Weed Abatement 619-533-4444
Code Violations 619-236-5500
County Dept of Environmental Health Public Health / Rats / Rodents 858-694-2888
Crime Stoppers Tip Line 888-580-TIPS (8477)
Downed Power Lines / SDG&E 800-411-7343
Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7 888-385-4657
Emergency Water / Sewer Repair / Sink Holes 619-515-3525
Get-It-Done sandiego.gov/get-it-done
 Download this City of San Diego app for reporting all non-emergency problems: abandoned vehicles, code violations, graffiti, over watering, potholes, and dangerous sidewalk issues.
Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) 5am - 3pm M - F 619-446-1010

Narcotics Suspicious drug house / anonymous 619-531-2468
People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) path@epath.org 619-810-8600
Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) 619-692-4945
 Vacation home / welfare of home-bound check / Homeland Security support
National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 988
SDPD Community Relations Officers:
 Officer Michael Hayes mfhayes@pd.sandiego.gov
 Officer David Surwilo dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.gov
SDPD Western Division 5215 Gaines Street 619-692-4800
Shopping Cart Pick-Up Service 800-252-4613
UHCDC University Heights Community Development Corporation 619-297-3166
University Heights Public Library 4193 Park Blvd 619-692-4912
UH Zone Watch Coordinator Nan McGraw nmcsan@aol.com 619-260-0668
Graffiti In Progress Emergency: 911
 Report Online: sandiego.gov/get-it-done Graffiti Hotline: 619-527-7500
SD Vector Control mosquitoes / ticks / rats 858-694-2888
 Online: vector@sdcountry.ca.gov

If all else fails, email Tompson Hsu with Councilmember Stephen Whitburn's office. thsu@sandiego.gov



DISASTER CONTACTS
 In a major disaster, have two out-of-area contacts handy. Landlines may not work in power outages. Keep cell phones charged. Call 211 for updated info.

76 million pounds

of plastic packaging are created by U.S. companies every single day—and we can't recycle 95% of it. The answer? Remove as much single-use plastic from packaging, products, and our homes.

The plastic crisis in numbers

Only 5%

of plastic gets recycled, no matter how much you put in the recycling bin.¹ That's only 3.8 million out of 76 million pounds.²



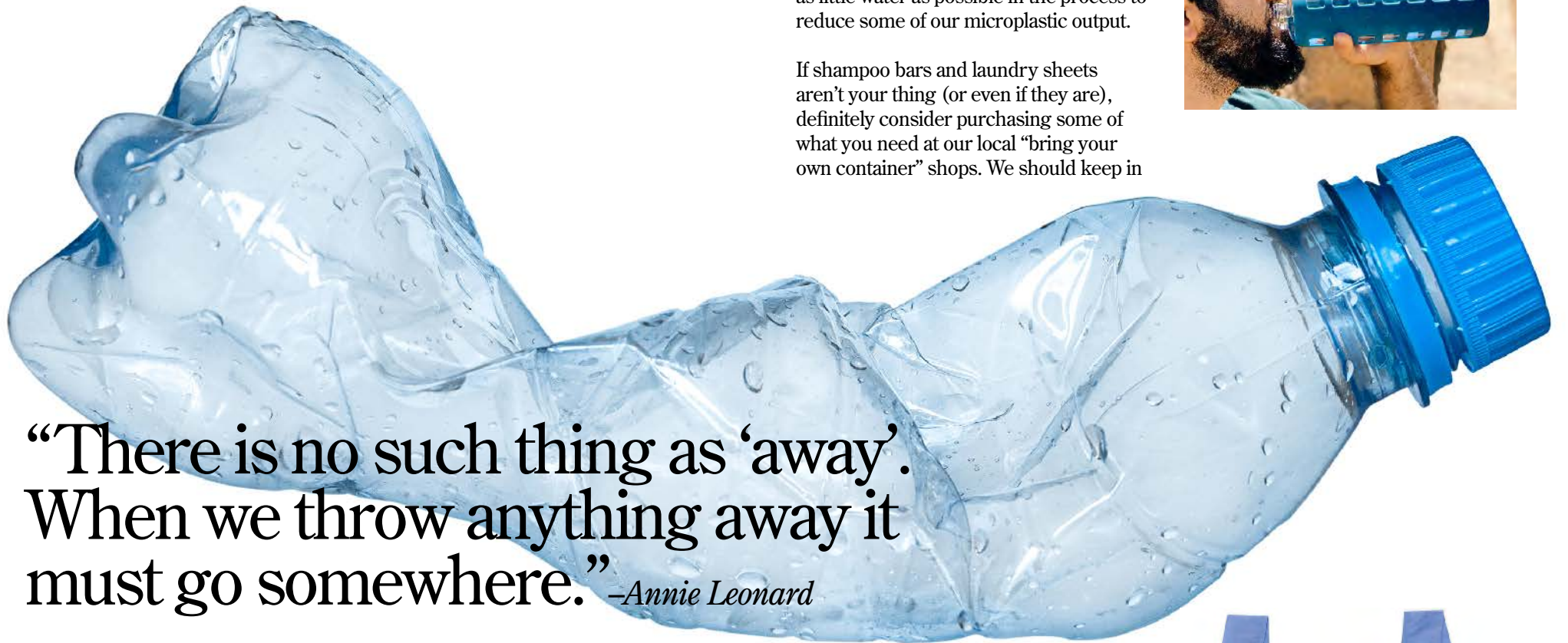
Every minute

The equivalent of one truckload of plastic enters our oceans. That's 1,440 truckloads a day.



By 2040

Plastic waste is expected to double and plastic pollution in our oceans is projected to triple.



“There is no such thing as ‘away’. When we throw anything away it must go somewhere.” *—Annie Leonard*

SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Oh, For the Love of a Healthy Planet!

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to hydrate. Add a few dishwasher-safe Purifyou glass water bottles, and you're good to go.

Those of us with stylish ripstop nylon grocery sacks from La Loupe, Pigment, etc., or the cheaper ones from Trader Joe's and elsewhere should wash those bags gently by hand and hang them to dry to cut back on plastic microfiber pollution generated by machine washing and drying these materials. For the rest of our microfiber, “fleece,” and other synthetics and fabrics in general on wash day, we can purchase Guppyfriend laundry bags to filter some microplastics before they make their way downstream. Until we all have access to self-filtering washing machines and dryers, we should do fewer wash loads, wash only full loads, and use as little water as possible in the process to reduce some of our microplastic output.

If shampoo bars and laundry sheets aren't your thing (or even if they are), definitely consider purchasing some of what you need at our local “bring your own container” shops. We should keep in



Reusable Glass Water Bottles with non-slip silicone sleeve. **purifyou** www.purifyou.com



mind that a lot of the giant tubs of liquid home- and self-care items they offer come to them in giant plastic containers. So...yeah. Not easy. Will that stop us from trying? Happy Earth Day!



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Fri–Sun 10:30 am–5 pm
themightybin.com



Microplastic pollution preventing washing bag. **guppyfriend** guppyfriend.us

9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC

- 1 Bring your own shopping bag
- 2 Carry a reusable water bottle
- 3 Bring your own cup
- 4 Pack your lunch in reusable containers
- 5 Say no to disposable straws & cutlery
- 6 Skip the plastic produce bags
- 7 Slow down and dine in
- 8 Store leftovers in glass jars
- 9 Share these tips with your friends

Celebrate Arbor Day Weekend with the UHCA Beautification Team

BY JENNIFER BISHOP

In honor of National Arbor Day, the UHCA Beautification Team will come together on Sunday, April 28 from 8 – 11 am to plant seven Crepe Myrtle trees along Campus Street and Meade Avenue adjacent to Birney Elementary School.

The trees were donated as part of an SDG&E school partnership program with the donation of the trees solicited by longtime UHCA member Sol Schumer.

With your help, we will be able to put all the new trees into the ground. We are currently seeking 10 volunteers to attend the Arbor Day weekend event. Volunteers will help with pulling weeds, digging holes, and planting the new trees. We will also weed and fertilize the existing trees as part of our annual tree maintenance along this route. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Bishop, at beautification@uhsd.org. You can also text your contact information to (619) 992-4060. Please include your email address.



Join the UHCA Tree Watering Team!

The UHCA Beautification Team is seeking individuals that can commit to volunteering one day a month to assist with watering the seven Crepe Myrtle trees that are being planted on April 28 on Campus Street and Meade Avenue. For the trees to thrive, they must be watered once a week for the first two to three years. Volunteers will serve on a rotating basis and can sign up for additional watering slots if they would like. If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to be part of this effort, please contact Jennifer Bishop, B-Team leader, at beautification@uhsd.org. You can also text your contact information to (619) 992-4060. Please include your email address.

Despite Postponed Cleanup, Cyclists Rally and Reschedule for National Bike Month in May

BY LISA GETZ

Despite recent rains unexpectedly clearing debris from University Heights' bike lanes, the Nice n Easy Bike Group rallied, showcasing their community support. Vic Tello expressed pleasant surprise at the cleared lanes, and

took the opportunity to emphasize the importance of community unity. Cyclists leisurely toured the area, making stops at local businesses like Kairoa Brewing Co. and Yipao Coffee, known for their cyclist-friendly atmosphere. Despite the cleanup postponement, plans are in motion to reschedule it for May, coinciding with "Bike Anywhere Month." Lisa Getz, clean up organizer-emphasized the importance of community and connection, expressing excitement for the rescheduled event. The cyclists' presence highlighted the enduring spirit of solidarity and community engagement in University Heights, reinforcing the strong bonds within the neighborhood.



Meet the University Heights Family Behind Earthwell Refill: Pioneers of Environmental Sustainability

BY LISA GETZ

The Oprisko Family—Kris, Katrina, Rohan, and Malia—have prioritized environmental consciousness since the mid-90s. They've actively recycled and embraced sustainable practices such as neighborhood gardens and composting during their time in Takoma Park, Maryland. Transitioning away from disposable lifestyles, they're committed to fostering a healthier community. Inspired by grandmotherly wisdom and mindful of their children's well-being, they've embraced natural products since Rohan's birth. Now 19, their journey underscores a dedication to holistic living and a desire to empower their community towards healthier, eco-friendly choices.

For the past nine years, the Oprisko family has owned and operated Earthwell Refill, offering non-toxic, natural shampoo and conditioners, hand soap and body soap, as well as non-toxic household cleaners, laundry detergent, and dish detergent. This eco-friendly store encourages customers to bring in their own containers and refill them with high-quality, all-natural products instead of tossing them in the waste bin. Aside from the various refill products, including deodorant and toothpaste, you can also find sustainable items like dish and hair brushes made of bamboo and agave, as well as bamboo toothbrushes, metal safety razors, and plastic-free makeup.

Join other UH residents in shopping at Earthwell Refill and reducing the amount of plastic that ends up in our landfills and waterways.

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9/7/23 UHCA Community Meeting Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements Workshop Results

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Madison Avenue

- Lighting @ intersections along Cleveland, Maryland, and Campus from Madison to Washington.
- Speed bumps on Madison from Maryland to Park.
- Stop signs or speed bumps/tables along Cleveland, Maryland Campus from Madison to Washington. ●●●●●
- Speed bumps or stop signs on Madison west of Maryland.
- Stop signs at Cleveland, Madison and Monroe.
- More roundabouts.
- Light up crosswalk at Madison and Mississippi.
- Madison at Miss drivers run the stop sign.



ECB @ Park

- Improve Lane paint.
- Flashing crosswalk.
- Overhead walkway. ●●●●●●●
- Roundabout/traffic circle. ●●●●
- Better traffic lightst north/eastbound Normal. Light should extend diagonally from southeast corner.
- Dangerous! ●●●●
- Traffic Study needed.



Washington St

- Complete sidewalks on Washington from 9th to Lincoln. ●●●●●●●
- Bike lanes on Washinton from 9th to Lincoln. ●●●●



Mission Ave

- Stop sign @ Mission @ Florida. ●●●●
- Stop @ Monroe @ Mississippi. ●●●
- Traffic Circle @ Mission @ Miss. ●●●●●●●●



El Cajon Blvd

- Protected crosswalk with flashing lights at Mississippi. ●●●●●●●
- Blank out signals on both North and South bound intersection at ECB and Texas. ●●●●●●●
- More crosswalks across ECB. ●●●●●●●



Adams Avenue

- Replace digital speed radar sign.
- Roundabout at Adams at Alabama.
- Crosswalk at Adams and Alabama. ●●●●
- Speed humps along Adams at OTBP.



Lincoln Ave

- 163 onramp traffic backs up Lincoln to Park.
- Remove parking on Lincoln near Great Maple
- Increase the time for pedestrians to cross Lincoln.
- Roundabout at Maryland and Lincoln. ●●●●
- Speed hump at Lincoln and Johnson.



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APRIL BEATS BRING HEARTS 2 MEET

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HOMELESS CAMP REPORTING FOR UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

1. Submit a service request ON GET-IT-DONE. Request G-I-D to Homeless Outreach (HOT TEAM).
2. Email report # and location to Nan McGraw (nmcsan@aol.com) and SDPD David Surwilo (dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.gov)

Get It Done will forward the request to Caltrans. Please let Councilmember Whitburn's office get a copy of the Get It Done report. Caltrans: 619-688-6670, <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>. Councilmember Whitburn's rep: thsu@sandiego.com

The report will be sent from HOT TEAM to Neighborhood Policing Division (NPD)

NPD officers will visit the site, evaluate and offer services to people present: Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and other services.

If a homeless camp is on private property NPD will refer it to Code Enforcement (619-236-5500). Please refer to the report # when contacting Code Enforcement. When the property owner is ready to have a private company work crew do a cleanup they can contact NPD to set up a date and time for NPD to meet, make contact with the subject, tell them to leave so the crew can do a cleanup. (NUMBER FORNPD?)

If a homeless camp is on public property Environmental Services will schedule a cleanup.

If a homeless camp is on CalTrans property-create a Get It Done report.

A Letter of Agency (LOA): allows SDPD to access your property should you be unavailable. This form can be found on the SDPD website. Also, these forms are available at UHCA meetings. You are not required to post a sign. Below is the statement from SDPD's Letter of Agency that you would sign:

I authorize the SDPD to ask unauthorized persons to leave the property. If they refuse to do so, or return thereafter, I authorize the SDPD to act as my agent for the purposes of enforcing any law violations on the property. My agen or I agree to participate with prosecution of persons for these offenses, which may require providing testimony in court. I understand this letter is valid for a maximum period of TWELVE Months and it is my responsibility to renew the letter at that time if the need exists. The LOA is no longer valid upon transfer of ownership of the property or upon a change in the person in lawful possession.



LISA GETZ

Lisa Getz, the visionary behind University Heights' only full-service salon, Original Skin and Body Care, has been transforming beauty into an experience of profound care for nearly two decades. Since 2004, she has curated a sanctuary offering hair, skin, nail, and massage services, where patrons discover solace and rejuvenation. In 2013, Lisa extended her reach by launching Visit University Heights SD on Instagram, celebrating the community's spirit and diversity. Over the last several years she has organized and led many UHCA events including Party on Park, three UHCA Mixers, Holiday Caroling, 25th Anniversary Sign Celebration, Halloween Candy Crawl, UH merchandise sales at the summer concerts in the Trolley Barn Park, and Dia De Los Muertos and Valentine's Flower Bazaars. Her commitment to excellence and genuine care has shaped the neighborhood's beauty landscape and fostered meaningful connections. Lisa's salon is more than a place for treatments; it's a home where friendships thrive and dreams take flight. Let's express gratitude for Lisa's enduring presence and dedication to making University Heights a more beautiful place, inside and out.

Uptown Planners Election March, 2024 Results

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS 235

CANDIDATE # VOTES RECEIVED

4-year term Ending March 2028

Mary Brown	163
Stu McGraw	157
Laura Kuffner	156
Mary McKenzie	155
Michael Singleton	151
Dylan Brynn	147
Tami Ratliffe	145

3-year term Ending March 2027

Matt Driver	137
John Barney	128

2-year term Ending March 2026

Martin Alonso	18
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APRIL SURPRISES

JON VON ERB

Suspiciously, they come upon us
in their own sneaky way.
Under the guise of a cloudy day
that promises nothing; they hit us.
Heavenly storms of light, sun and warmth
suddenly rain down on us.
Momentarily, they take us by surprise;
being so used to winter's insistence.
The laziness of far-too-chilly days
have us accepting chill-time.
Here in San Diego we call
our 'Marine Layer' a tricky fellow.
Ready are we for the frolic
a wild exuberance of a toasty spring-fling,
rambles through Balboa Park,
picnics at Old Trolley Barn Park -
Now, don't ya just hear those days a-calling?

MISSION HILLS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

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Honoring The Huffman Sixpacks

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Florida, Georgia, Campus, Louisiana, Mississippi, Normal, North, Madison, Maryland, Monroe, and Texas. All have the same footprint but different facades. All with his signature branding, "Built by Ray Huffman Construction" plaque in the front concrete.

Ray was able to get loans and building plans approved quickly because all of the buildings were so similar. The subcontractors also knew the layouts. After he got the building process down to a sci-ence, he was able to construct a property in approximately 110 days. He created a "Ford Assembly Line" for apartment construction. All this was done before cell phones, computers, fax machines, or the internet.

His grandson, Austin Huffman, is a great source if you wish to get some history. He has provided us with some handsome 'facelifts' of buildings his grandfather and grandmother created. Here are pictured some. You can reach Austin at 858-761-259 or Austin.huffman@marcushillichap.com.



The first of over 575 apartment buildings built by Huffman's construction company still stands at 4525 Texas Street, three blocks north of El Cajon Boulevard. Like so many of Huffman's later buildings, the 9-unit complex built in 1958, had four parking spaces in front and five in the back. For a complete list of Huffman properties go to: <http://huffmanpropertiesinc.squarespace.com/new-page-2>.



4155 Texas Street. Built in 1968. 14 units.



4560 Florida Street. 19 units. Built in 1970. Below: Original facade. Above: Renovated in 2018.



4460 Mississippi Street. 9 units. Built in 1968. Renovated in 2020.



4452 Louisiana Street. 9 units. Built in 1966.



"The city made us add the equivalent of one and a half spaces per apartment unit, disallowed street parking in front of the buildings, and [imposed] many other restrictions. It was devastating to the tenants because very few apartment houses were built in the Seventies compared to what was built in the Fifties and Sixties. Rather than trying to accommodate more cars in the densely populated, apartment-rich areas of the city, the government should have restricted cars in those areas and provided the residents with better mass transit. Such an arrangement would have solved the parking problem, increased ridership on an underutilized bus system, as well as allowed developers to build less costly apartments." – Ray Huffman, 1982



3233 Herman Ave. 8 units. Built in 1972. Renovated in 2018.



4021 Lamont St. 11 units. Built in 1967.



4476 Marlborough Ave. 5 units. Built in 1966.

ROO NEWS

BY ALEXANDRA WEBBER



NEW WATER FOUNTAINS

It's the little things. Roosevelt is receiving new water fountains. The new water fountains will function like the ones you see in an airport; sip from an arching ray of water or fill up a whole water bottle. There is one already installed. Additional fountains will be installed and operating over the next 3-4 weeks.

This is really great news. Students can use smaller sized water bottles and refill them at school. Students carry large water bottles, 32 ounces and larger; that's heavy. Now students can experiment with smaller water bottles and refill them as needed throughout the day.



FREE STUDENT JAZZ CONCERT

On April 10, 2024, at the Hoover High School Theatre, Roosevelt student-musicians will perform in the VAPA Foundation Honor Concert. The student-musicians are a mix of middle and high school students from across the San Diego Unified School District. The student-musicians actively collaborate and play concerts together for the benefit of the greater San Diego community in a professional setting. The theatre at Hoover High School is stunning.

The concert will include jazz music and vocals. This is a great opportunity to enjoy music and community.

Hoover High School is located at 4474 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115. Tickets are free and all are welcome.

FUNDRAISING

You can still purchase the Roosevelt Discount Card. The Roosevelt Discount Card costs \$30.00 and it offers you discounts around town through December 1, 2024. Please email give@roofriends.org to purchase your Roosevelt Discount Card.



Students and parents are encouraged to volunteer at Roo-Park-Fundraisers to help rack in cash to fund their own ASE classes. Parents must accompany their Roosevelt student at Roo-Park Fundraisers. A student who volunteers for three hours may elect from the following volunteer-perks: 1) clear a tardy, 2) earn volunteer hours or 3) \$75 to a specific school club/classroom.

If you can, please volunteer a few hours of time to help the Roosevelt student universe at an upcoming Roo-Park-Fundraiser. Any one interested in joining as a volunteer, please contact me directly via email at awebber@atw-law.com. The next dates for Roo-Park-Fundraising are: April 6, May 25 & 26

ASE (After School Enrichment)
Roosevelt students may apply to take up to 4 after school enrichment classes for FREE. This semester the ASE classes run from January 29 through May 4. ASE classes are 100% organized and paid for by RooFriends. Former Alice Birney Elementary School parent and current Roosevelt parent, Ms. Jody Darr, is coordinating the presentation of ASE classes, instructors, student applications-to-registration.

The current list of ASE classes include: Bicycle Club, Garden Club, Tennis, All Sports, Improv, Theatre, Art Studio, Choir, Girls in Science, Strategic Games, Dance and GSA.

BIRNEY BUZZ

Buzzing Success: Hive Hunt Raises Funds and Fun

BY SARAH LAYNE



Above Left: The Great GatsBees - Reece, Hannah, Riley, and Brett-won the costume contest for grades 2-3 at the 2024 Hive Hunt. Above: Riley and Reece on the hunt in Trolley Barn Park. Photos: Hannah Going.

As part of its continual fundraising efforts, The Birney Beekeeper Alliance hosted its 3rd annual Hive Hunt on February 10th in our beloved neighborhood. Students, their families, friends, and community members took part in an on-foot race and competition around University Heights while answering riddles and completing challenges.

The Hive Hunt raised about \$4,000 for Birney while providing an exciting activity for its participants. As event co-chair Ashley Damm-whose twins Seven and Luke attend kindergarten at Birney-states: "So many people mentioned to me that they had an absolute blast connecting as a family while supporting their school and local community. We hope to keep this event alive and growing in the years to come."

The other co-chairs for the event were Jessica Furnell, whose daughter Marian is a Birney kindergartener, and Filly Gaines, whose son Alden C is also in kindergarten.

The 2024 Hive Hunt winners were team MegStanger for grades TK-1, team Meibul-sara for grades 2-3, team HippBees for grades 4-5, and BearsandBees for the alumni and community team. There was also a special costume category, which awarded prizes to the teams who the judges determined had the best costumes. The winners in this category were: The Bees Knees, The Great GatsBees, The Wanna Bees, and Deez Queen Bees-which included Birney's esteemed principal Ms. Amanda.

Third grader Reece G, who was part of costume contest winners The Great GatsBees, said, "This year we were one glamorous family! I can't wait to dress up for next year's

Hive Hunt!" Her sister Riley G, kindergartener added, "It's the most fun to be able to spend time with your family and have a good fun time with them when you're walking around looking for clues."

Special thanks goes to this year's prize sponsors Alexandra T. Webber Attorney at Law, Bradford Damm at San Diego City Homes, and Mary Anne Stevens & Anastasia Brewer with Coldwell Banker Realty. The other Hunt's sponsors included: Andy's Plumbing, Art FORM, BFD, Borrelli, Cecilia's Fine Jewelry, Diversionary Theatre, Eco Boat Rentals, El Zarape, Fit it in, Kairoa Brewing, Lancers, Lestat's, Madison, Mahalo Shave Ice, Mr. Moto Pizza, Mystic Mocha, North Park Jiu Jitsu, OpenMinds, Park & Rec, Parkhouse Eatery, Plus Six One, Promethe-an One, Roosevelt Middle School, Roxanne Govari at Pemberley Realty, Seeking Sanctuary, San Diego High School, TapRoom Beer Company, Tress and Balance, University Heights Library, and Wayfarer Bread.

Upcoming Birney events to look forward to are the after school Scholastic Book Fair the week of March 25th, a student Open Mic show on April 13th, and the Hive 5K on April 20th. To get involved in Birney's parent organizations, the Birney Beekeeper Alliance, please email info@friendsofalicebirney.org.

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YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN, MISS HELENE



Greetings community members! I'm excited to announce a children's program starting in April. It's called "Dance Pants Fun!" and will take place at 10:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month, unless posted otherwise. It's an opportunity to help kiddos get their morning wiggles out with a simple moving and grooving dance program that features favorite songs like "Hokey Pokey", "The Wheels on the Bus", "Baby Shark", and more! This fun dance session is recommended for toddlers, preschoolers, kindergartners, and early elementary-school age kids.

To accommodate various daily life schedules, we are now offering a Children's After School Stories/Songs/Crafts program at 2:00 p.m. on one Wednesday a month in addition to our usual early evening and Saturday morning programs.

Registration for the annual Spring Into STEAM initiative opened on March 1st. This year's theme, Space Out, invites youth from ages 9 through 12 to take a journey to outer space! Youth learn about distant star constellations and galaxies and discover technologies needed for space exploration. While this program takes place at several library branch

locations from March-May, the University Heights Library will be hosting it one time at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20th. Registration is required and can be completed using the QR code below or at sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/spring-steam-stellar-star-projector-359479.



For further library program listings please see this newspaper's calendar of events in addition to the library's

Facebook page (@universityheightslibrary) and online calendar of events (sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/month/2024/04). We invite you to visit the library any time during our open hours. Please note that César Chávez Day will be observed on Monday, April 1st and all San Diego Public Library locations will be closed. We look forward to continually welcoming our local community members to the library.

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BETWEEN THE COVERS

PEGGY GOINGS
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Happy April, University Heights! Hope you are enjoying the full bloom of spring here in San Diego. I grew up in the Midwest where April was still mud season, so I have always enjoyed the abundance of San Diego's flowery spring and sunny weather. I may even make it out to the desert this spring to see the wildflowers.



Speaking of flowery, did you know April

is National Poetry Month? Now's the time to bring out your favorite poet from Mary Oliver to Billy Collins, Nikki Giovanni to Natasha Trethewey. If you're looking for a new poet or fresh title, try browsing the San Diego Public Library's collection, including from our very own San Diego poet laureate, Jason Magabo

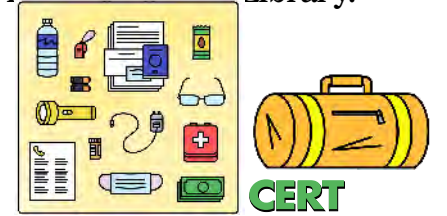
I ASK ABOUT WHAT FALLS AWAY

JASON MAGABO PEREZ

I ask about what falls away.
I ask about where water sings.
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Whose hands wash this sky?
Who drains this sun against worry?
Whose mighty ache makes history?
This is where water drains, where gardens grow against worry, against the crisis of capital, & capital knows nothing but the veil hiding hand from profit. Here is leftover rice. & the wild imaginary of hunger. Here is a canal in the crook of the earth. & here is where water sings. & this, this is water singing us elsewhere.

Perez in his latest, *I ask about what falls away*.

Mark your calendars for two exciting new adult programs at the University Heights Library.

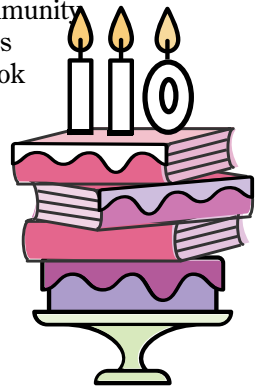


On **Saturday, April 13th** at 10:30 am, learn to build your very own emergency "go-bag" in a presentation led by San Diego CERT, Fire-Rescue, rescheduled from last September.



Then on **Monday, April 22nd** at 6 pm we will host the second in our partnership with Brain Balance, a San Diego organization that focuses on a holistic approach to brain wellness entitled "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging and Neurodiversity."

On Saturday, April 27th we're having a birthday party here at the University Heights Branch, celebrating 110 years of serving our community. We are proud of this achievement and look forward to the next 110 years. Please drop by and say hi. I'm told there will be cake....



Finally, don't forget we are a seed library so if you would like to try your hand at planting something this spring, we carry a variety of seeds from cilantro to carrots to California poppies. There's always something sprouting here at the public library. Wishing you a wonderful spring and hope to see you soon at the University Heights Library!

Peggy Goings, Library Assistant 3
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FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY

COUNTDOWN TO OUR LIBRARY'S ANNIVERSARY! 110 YEARS IN APRIL!

BY PAM ISAACS

Our library staff has plans to celebrate our 110th anniversary this month, and a special day will be Saturday April 27. Stay tuned to learn some fun things that you can participate in on the 27th.

February was Library Lovers' month. Did you get a chance to visit us on February 17 in the Library? The Friends of the University Heights Library held an open house on that day, meeting more individuals and families. Snacks were available for all, and children could choose a book to keep.

I witnessed a wonderful event - Signing Storytime for children. I heard and SAW a good story, and I learned some ASL signs. Tiny children were fascinated!

One more very exciting event will be the Bike to Anywhere Day, on Thursday May 16, starting very early in the morning. Our UH Library will have a Pit Stop open right in front, providing coffee and snacks. I can smell the coffee now! This special Bike Day is sponsored by the city of San Diego as we encourage people to get out of their cars.

The Friends of the University Heights Library are here to support important programs, like Signing Storytime, and other needs of our library. To become a member of the Friends, please go to friendsofuhlibrary.org. Choose a level that is right for you, \$5 annually for students and seniors, \$10 for individuals, \$20 for a household.

April Meeting Friends of the UH Library April 9, 6 pm on Zoom.

Current members are invited to attend the monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Go to www.friendsofuhlibrary.org

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Pet of the Month Puff

When Jennifer Bishop lost her cat Zelda May in March 2023, she was in no hurry to replace her. Zelda passed at the age of 18½ years, a remarkable milestone for an equally remarkable cat.

However, in August of that same year, while on a FaceTime call with her sister Debra back in Vermont, Jennifer saw a tiny black puff of fur race across the screen in the background. When she asked her sister if that puff happened to be a cat, her sister scooped up the tiny animal, held him up to the camera on her phone and said "This is your new kitten!" As it turned out, Debra had taken in a pregnant stray that very soon gave birth to a litter of kittens, all Tabby cats except for the little black one. The kittens were born June 19, exactly three months to the day of Zelda's passing on March 19.

After that call a plan was hatched. Having already made plans to go back to Vermont to see her family in November, Jennifer decided that she would bring the kitten back with her after her stay. Their initial meeting sealed their fate with the kitten, immediately upon meeting Jennifer, kissing her face. At that time his name officially became Puff Bishop.

On November 7, with a great deal of trepidation, Jennifer put a tiny harness on Puff (now six months old), put him in his new carrier and started the long journey back



to San Diego. Not only did he not make a single meow on the 60 minute car trip to the regional airport, he kept his cool on the hour and half long, eight seat prop plane ride from Vermont to Boston. Once at Logan Airport, he was curious and unflappable. The true test was the six hour non-stop flight to San Diego. Tucked under the seat in front of Jennifer's, the plane began to climb. Puff meowed twice, not loudly but plaintive. Having already checked with her seatmates, Jennifer took Puff out of his carrier and he spent the entire plane ride napping in her lap and purring.

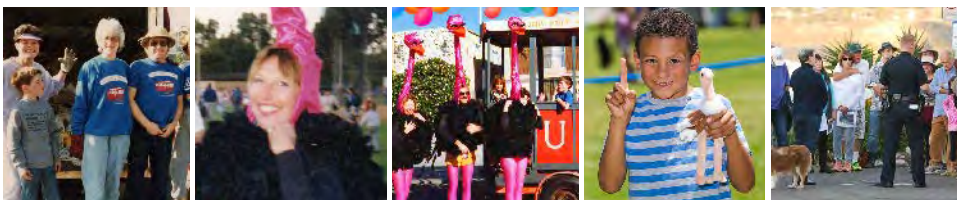
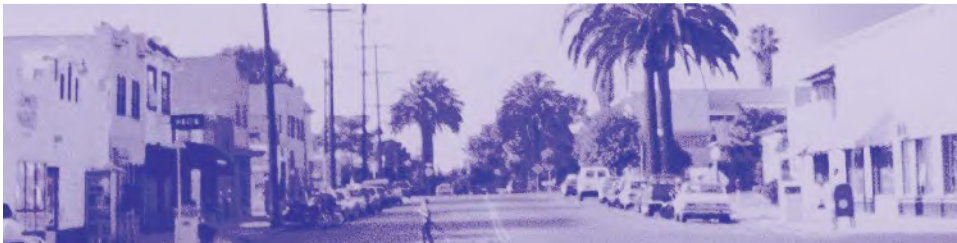
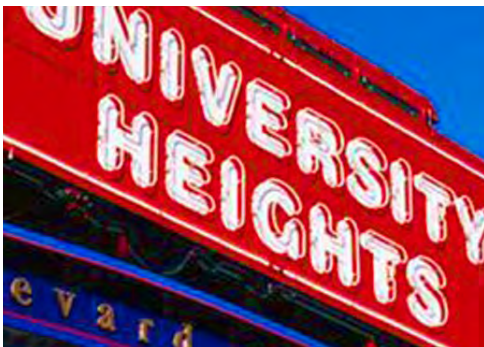
Today, Puff Bishop is living his best life in a bungalow on Meade Avenue with his big brother Zander. His favorite pastime is still napping in Jennifer's lap followed closely by playing with his "God mom" Grace, his 8-year-old neighbor. He also enjoys all the treats!

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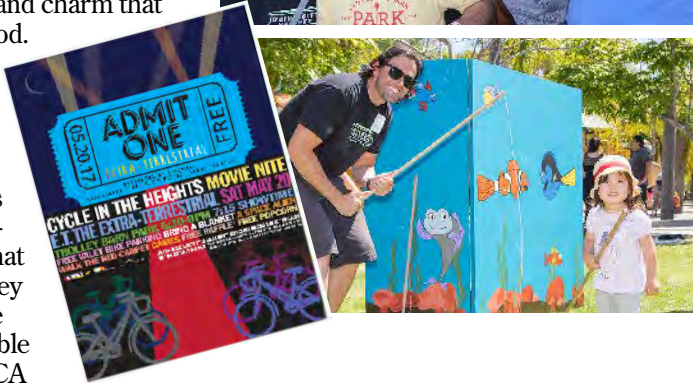


Celebrating 40 Years of University Heights Community Association: A Tribute

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for all. Their efforts in maintaining our streets, parks, and public spaces reflect a deep-seated commitment to enhancing the quality of life for every resident and preserving the beauty and charm that define our neighborhood.

As we celebrate 40 years of the University Heights Community Association, let us reflect on the countless moments of unity, resilience, and friendship that have defined our journey together. From humble beginnings to remarkable achievements, the UHCA continues to inspire us all to dream, to act, and to nurture the spirit of community that makes University Heights truly extraordinary. Here's to the next 40 years of building memories, forging connections, and shaping the future together.



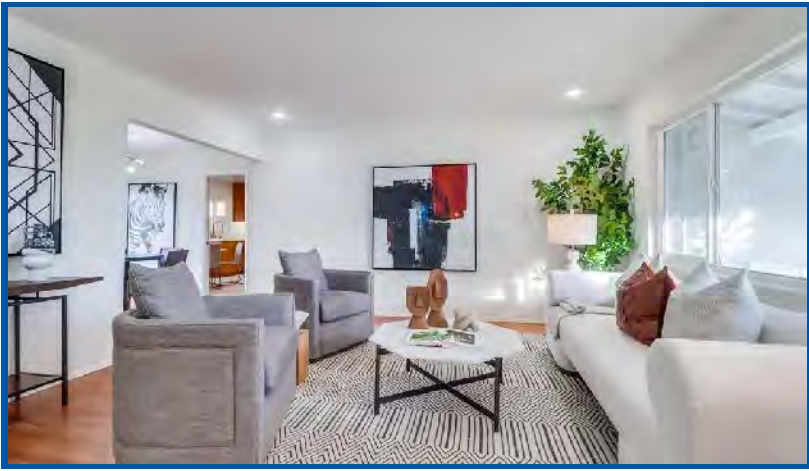
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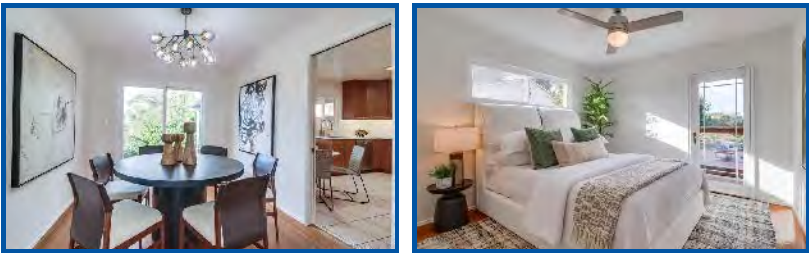
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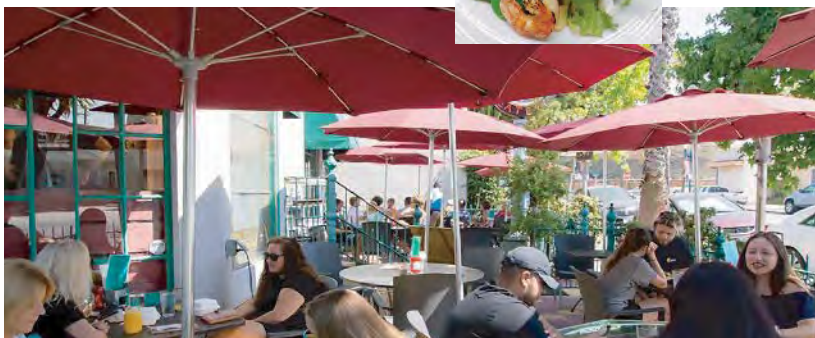


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April 2024

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	1 April Fools' Day San Diego Public Libraries closed in observance of Cesar Chaves Day	2 Uptown Planners 6 pm Joyce Beers Center	3 UHCA Beautification 6 pm beautification@uhsd.org for location UHCDC Meeting 6 pm uhcdc.org Baby & Toddler Storytime 10 am UH Branch Library	4 UH Rec Council Meeting 5:50 pm Alice Birney Library UHCA Meeting 6:45 pm 4345 Campus Ave	5	6 Children's Dance Pants Fun! 10:30 am UH Branch Library
7 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	8	9 Friends of UH Library 6 pm Via Zoom friendsofuhlibrary.org	10 Children's ASL Pajama Signing Storytime with Miss Jennifer UH Branch Library 5 pm	11	12	13 UHCA Native Plant Initiative 8-11 am Park and Meade Learn How to Build an Emergency "Go Bag" Workshop presented by CERT 10:30 am UH Branch Library
14 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	15 Tax Day	16 Children's Early Evening Storytime & Crafts with Miss Helene 6 pm UH Branch Library North Park Planning Committee 6:30 pm NP Christian Fellowship, 2901 North Park Way	17	18	19	20 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9 am-3 pm UH Branch Library Spring Into STEAM: Steller Star Projector with ToshWerks Reservation Required: 11 am UH Branch Library
21 Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm Friends of the Library Book Sale 12-3 pm UH Library	22 Earth Day Children's ASL Signing Storytime with Miss Jennifer UH Branch Library 12:30 pm Brain Balance presents: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging and Neurodiversity 6:00 pm UH Branch Library	23 UHCA News Out	24 Children's After School Storytime & Craft with Miss Helene 2 pm UH Branch Library	25	26	27 University Heights Library 110th Anniversary Celebration: 3:00 pm
28 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm	29	30				