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**April 6**  
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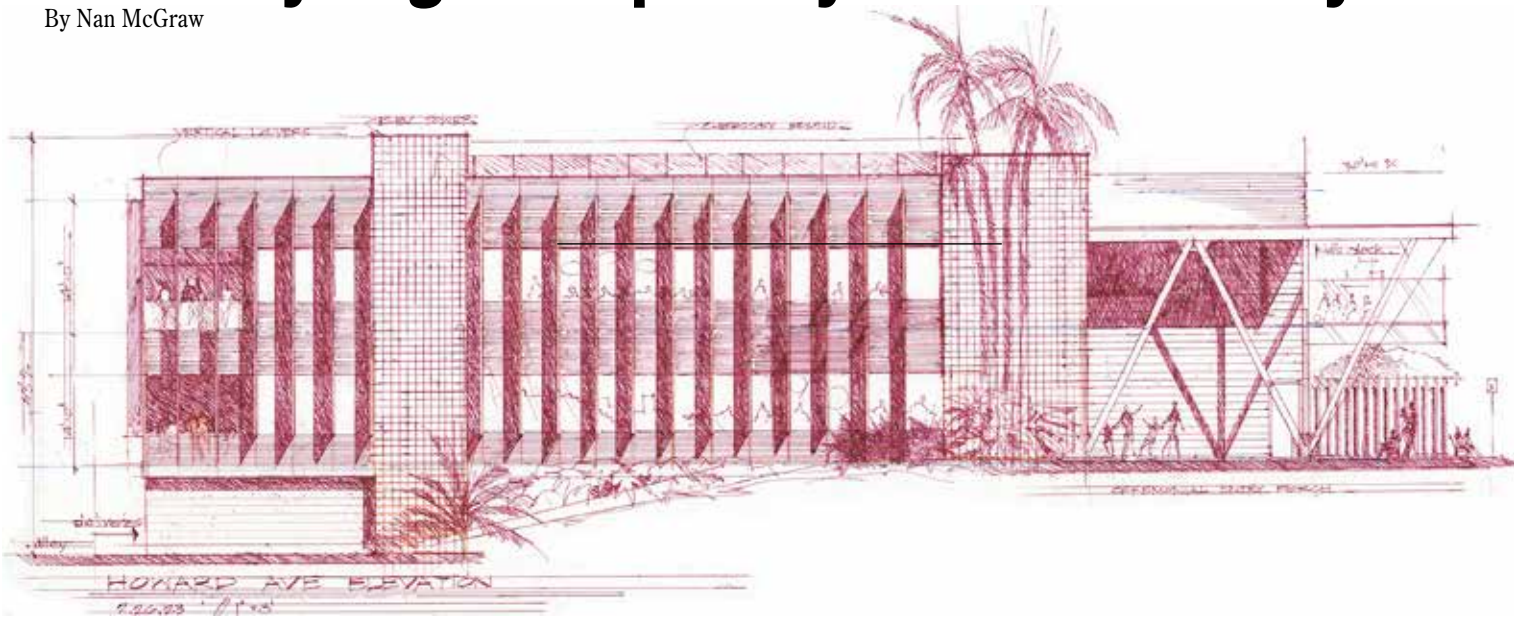
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# University Heights desperately needs a new library!

By Nan McGraw



The University Heights Library is the oldest branch library in San Diego, and next to smallest in size. It first opened in 1914 as a 20-foot by 30-foot wooden structure. In 1926 a permanent library was constructed, and replaced by the current two-story building, which opened in 1966. It was utilized as a bookmobile library and is definitely too small for our community.

University Heights deserves a new, larger library, to serve our community's current and growing needs. We need to raise our voices for that to happen. Silence may result in our existing library disappearing. With our built-out neighborhood, it may be most feasible to expand our library on the existing footprint. After all, "A Bird in the Hand..."

The current site could accommodate a building with more space, which we definitely need for our rapidly expanding community. Check out the plans on page six. The new library would include a large children's room, areas specifically for tweens, teens and adults; also computer, photocopying, pickup, and self-checkout areas, restrooms, and a makerspace.

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O P I N I O N

## Are Community Planning Group 'Reforms' the End of Local Democracy?

by Mat Wahlstrom

Every March, the 42 Community Planning Groups in the City of San Diego hold public elections for new board members. These unpaid volunteers are required to meet residence or business or property ownership qualification to hold office.

For over 50 years, they have served as the official advisers to the city on land use, development and project review in our neighborhoods.

Every March, that is, until next year.

On Feb. 28, the Community Planners Committee, composed of the chairs of the 42 CPGs, heard more details about what the latest "reforms" approved by the City Council last September will entail. Roundly criticizing them for introducing burdensome conditions, the chairs' greatest concerns surrounded the need for CPGs to apply for recognition from scratch.

Starting next year, any group can compete for this recognition, without having held a public election or even having residence or ownership qualification. Worse, the city refused to disallow outside actors or to

treat them as less qualified.

Instead, the foremost consideration will be whether a group meets the city's criteria for "diversity" — the definition of which has yet to be provided.

Here is the link to Zoom recording of the meeting, with the discussion beginning at the 21-minute mark  
<https://tinyurl.com/5xeaxz6p>

State law requires that there be general plans and community plans that govern land use development. And the process of drafting them is coordinated with CPGs.

CPGs are the most local level of democratic government in California. Enshrined in city law and subject to the Brown Act, they are the closest many of us get to direct access to and demanding accountability from elected officials.

But under these new rules, CPGs will be subject to passing purity tests and be less about honest representation than playing along. And volunteers will be unable to meet quotas or do more outreach than expected of paid city staffers, thereby ensuring that only private enterprises with the necessary resources will be able to qualify.

Begun under Mayor Kevin Faulconer and accelerated by Todd Gloria, CPG "reform" has been a wholly bipartisan effort to disenfranchise community input and remove any brakes on runaway development.

Back in 2018, the city auditor and the county Grand Jury were each induced to investigate the claim that "CPGs tend to delay hearing certain items as a method of restricting growth in their communities." Not only did neither substantiate this, but both also blamed delays on the city itself for not providing CPGs needed staff, education and resources.

Despite this, city leaders refused to implement those recommended changes, and instead called for a raft of restrictions that critics of CPGs cynically claimed were made in response. And in February 2020, the City Council approved them.

And still not satisfied that this sufficiently hobbled CPGs, city leaders came up with the changes approved last year.

But again, since neither the city auditor nor the county Grand Jury determined any discriminatory intent or ulterior motive, and the city isn't following through on their recommendations anyway, what exactly is being fixed?

To give just one example: CPGs have been cut out from being able to directly refer code and zoning violations and public safety concerns to the city for enforcement. Now the general public has no one to represent their interests and their protests disappear into a phone app. Where's a reform to reverse that?

Are the current CPGs perfect? Of course not. Like any human endeavor, especially one made up of volunteers, they can make mistakes. But even those mistakes demonstrate that they are people working as fairly and transparently as possible to get things right. And that is more than anyone will be able to say about external organizations favoring their vested interests over assigned constituents.

Winston Churchill famously stated, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others." Neighbors in San Diego are about to find out how true that is.

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**Sat. April 29**



After a four-year absence, the hugely popular "Party On Park", hosted by the University Heights Community Association (UHCA) returns on Saturday, April 29, from 5PM to 8PM. The evening will include a restaurant walk and music in the community's three block commercial hub of Park Blvd between Meade and Adams Ave where the "University Heights" neon trolley sign spans Park Blvd. Participating businesses will offer tasty treats, international food and drink samples, and/or discounts on food, drink and merchandise to those purchasing a wristband for \$20. Children under 12 FREE.

"We could not be more thrilled to have "Party on Park" return in person" said Lisa Getz, Acting President of UHCA. "We enjoy an enhanced sense of community in University Heights; a place where neighbors work together, help one another and pitch in for the common good. This event is our chance to celebrate this impressive urban haven."

Tickets on sale now at [eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com)  
<https://tinyurl.com/2s46vhdv> and the evening of the event at the check-in desk outside Twiggs Coffeehouse at Park and Madison.



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

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



**JOIN, RENEW, DONATE, OR VOLUNTEER ONLINE AT UHSD.ORG.**

# UHCA NEWS

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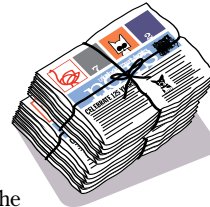
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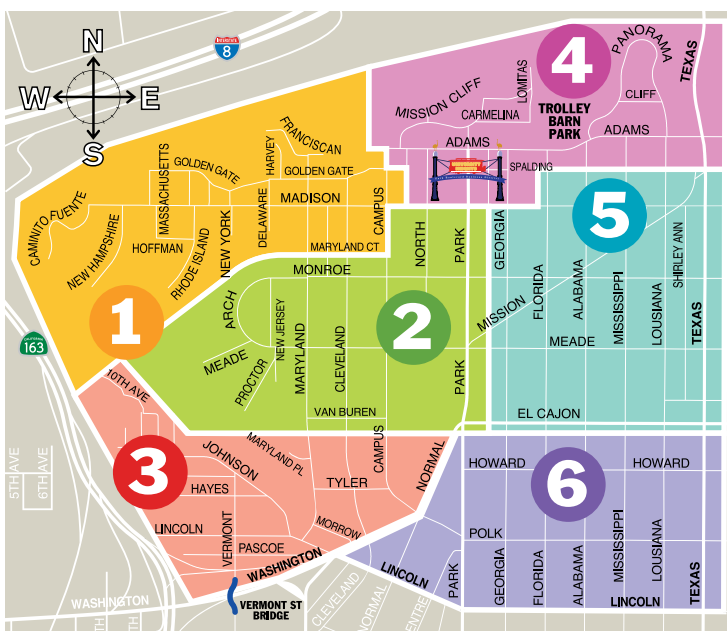


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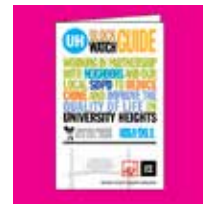
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# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BOUNDARIES AND ZONE WATCH



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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### CRIME WATCH SIGNS

UHCA installed 60 new signs in 2016. If you know of an old sign that needs replacing or a location needing a sign, email signs@uhsd.org.



### SLOW DOWN SIGNS

Speeding on neighborhood streets in UH continues to be a problem. Shaving time off trips by speeding has small benefits and high risks. PLEASE SLOW DOWN! Please email signs@uhsd.org.



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<b>Alert San Diego</b> Reverse 911 notification to mobile phones for emergencies requiring evacuations	<a href="http://www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/">www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/</a>
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<b>SD Vector Control</b> mosquitoes / ticks / rats Online: vector@sdcounty.ca.gov.	858-694-2888
<b>If all else fails, email Malik Thornton</b> ThorntonM@sandiego.gov at Council member Stephen Whitburn's office.	



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<https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>



### DISASTER CONTACTS

In case of a major disaster, have two out-of-area contacts handy. When the power is out, landline phones may not work. Make sure your cell phone is charged. Call 211 for updated information.



## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LISA GETZ

Spring is the season of hope! Just like the Spring season, hope continues to grow here in University Heights.

As we celebrate UHCA's first 40 years we remember some of the wonderful progress that's been made.

Our Old Trolley Barn Park was the area once used for trolley housing and repairs; the facility was converted into a warehouse for the San Diego Paper Box Company and ultimately demolished in 1980. When developers planned to build a large condominium complex at the site, UHCA residents convinced the city

to preserve the land for a park, now Old Trolley Barn Park.

We are hopeful that we as a community will continue to make progress and preserve our long rich history. Now we are focused on our University Heights Library, the oldest branch library in San Diego. The University Heights Library first opened in 1914 as a 20-foot by 30-foot wooden structure. In 1926 a permanent library was constructed and then eventually replaced by the current two-story building, which opened in 1966.

— Lisa Getz

## UHCA MEETING NOTES

### Community Meeting Summary

The March 2023 meeting began with a report from Police Community Relations Officer David Surwilo commenting on the previous meeting and the ongoing problems with the homeless issue.

The remainder of the meeting was a celebration of our volunteers—specifically Blockwalkers, Zone Coordinators, Beautification Team members and people who sell merchandise and help with events. Over 70 people attended, ate pizza from Gnarly Girl Pizza, and took selfies at our new Selfie Station.

Some of the people being honored have been Blockwalkers for over 30 years: Sheila Moss, Dawn Sassi and Bernard Damborn, Jean and John Earl! And, many help in multiple roles: Blockwalking and Beautification, and whatever UHCA needs.

Pictures from the meeting accompany this article. UHCA is thankful for the many people who contribute their time to our community. Hats Off to Our Volunteers!

— Nan McGraw



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Many Plumes to Susy Holts

Dedication to University Heights is what Susan "Susy" Holts is all about. Over 25 years ago, she volunteered to serve UHCA as a board member and excelled as UHCA News' advertising maven.

Our advertisers are the backbone of UHCA News and are vital as the primary source of financial support to create and publish our newspaper. Susy emphasized their importance by recruiting and maintaining strong relationships with them.

Susy is retiring as a board member of UHCA and the UHCA News team. We shall miss her leadership as a board member and her advertising expertise, but she remains a valuable volunteer, Blockwalker, and a terrific neighbor.

Thanks, Susy, for your years of service!

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# Nature in the Neighborhood

## Winter of the Robin



American Robin

A recurring theme in this column has been the cycles of nature, particularly as expressed by birds, in response to seasonal changes. Most of these shifts are fairly regular and predictable, such as orioles being replaced by sparrows in winter. However, some phenomena occur at longer, more irregular intervals. The American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) is arguably America's most iconic bird, widespread throughout the continent and adopted as the symbolic bird of three of our states. However, this species is not well represented here in the lowlands of the southwestern corner of the nation. Robins certainly occur in San Diego County, erring to nest in native mountain forests or certain dense, lower elevation suburban forests. The relatively sparse breeding population is augmented in fall and winter by birds from more migratory populations farther north and it is these visitors that sporadically introduce a wild card into the typical mix of avian species.

An influx of numerous hungry robin flocks into the coastal, foothill, and desert lowlands of the county has characterized the winter that has just come to a close. A few wintering robins, whose preferred winter food is wild fruit, typically appear in early winter at concentrations of their local favorites, such as native toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) and non-native camphor (*Cinnamomum* spp.). They and other species deplete these food supplies fairly quickly and move on to points unknown. This past winter, however, flocks of up to 15 robins have been found everywhere in town throughout the season, resorting to foods not often eaten. In my study of winter birds in Balboa Park, I have rarely seen the abundant fruit of cotoneaster eaten by any birds and have assumed that is it unpalatable or non-nutritious. However, I watched robins partaking of this fruit source in February. The same is true for the berries of juniper. Certainly, other fruit types have been consumed as well.

Does the persistence of large numbers of robins feeding on possibly less desirable foods reflect desperation? Perhaps. Ornithologists generally agree that these sporadic and significant large-scale movements by some bird species, known as "irruptions", occur due to inadequate food supplies in distant regions normally occupied during the non-breeding months. It is possible that locally high population densities (and therefore greater food competition) in more typically occupied winter areas may also contribute to forcing some birds to flee to greener pastures. As spring continues to unfold, I will be watching to see if perhaps some of these winter visitors will venture to remain and breed in the neighborhood.

—John Lovio



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### Earthrise

The iconic first full-color view of our planet from space taken by a human – Astronaut Bill Anders, who captured the image from Apollo 8's Command Module as the NASA crew orbited the moon – has been credited with sparking a turning point in humanity's relationship with our environment. Could anyone on December 30, 1968, have looked at that first image of our beautiful blue planet floating in the black void of space without feeling awestruck and humbled?



Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* (1962), describing toxic pollution's effects on our planet's web of life, and the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill which killed thousands of birds, dolphins, sea lions, and other aquatic creatures while also leaving tarry gobs of oil along beaches up and down the California coast, are also acknowledged as events prompting Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson to create the first organized Earth Day held on April 22, 1970. School teachers and college professors across the country participated in educating students regarding the effects of pollution caused by vehicle exhaust, industrial waste, pesticides and herbicides, all dumped into the environment with seemingly no regard for the damage these toxins were doing. Links between burning fossil fuels and "global warming" were already well understood, so students and teachers walked, biked, and even rode horses to school that day as a symbolic gesture. The San Diego Union Tribune reported on numerous events held at our local universities as well as K-12 schools, some led by students, all meant to clarify how our lives are intertwined with the health (or toxicity) of the environment around us and to galvanize real changes in our behaviors.

It's tempting to bemoan the decades since 1970 that we've seemingly wasted fighting over offshore drilling, plastics, factory farming practices, and fossil fuels' dominance over our lives. Shouldn't a half century have been more than enough time to work out these issues, especially for a species capable of building rockets and flying to the moon?

Yet of course there is reason to celebrate this Earth Day. We in San Diego have been able to recycle much of our refuse for years because our city made it easy to do so, and now we're finally able to help cut methane emissions by easily composting yard and kitchen waste via our new green bins. New electric vehicle models become available every year, and even if we don't have our own solar power with which to juice them up, we can charge them at "the HUB," or at home via renewably sourced electricity from San Diego Community Power. Here in UH we can participate in planting and supporting trees with the Beautification Team and can practice our organic gardening skills with the Garden Club. On the national level, many of the environmental protections that were weakened or eliminated between 2017 and 2020 have been restored. And the list of reasons to be hopeful goes on.

Native and longtime residents of San Diego know that our local EarthFair, held each April in Balboa Park since 1991, was the largest such Earth Day celebration on the planet. After 31 years, the fair's sponsor, San Diego EarthWorks, said goodbye last year. Instead of EarthFair, this year an event called "EarthFest" will offer a wide selection of vegan food and drink options on Saturday, April 22, from booths set up on the "Presidents Way Lawn" area (at Park Blvd. and Presidents Way). While the festival will be much smaller than past EarthFair events, it will likely provide a great opportunity to learn about new and delicious alternatives to factory farmed animal products, benefiting our own health and the health of our environment.

Perhaps the "world's largest" Earth Day fair isn't really needed anymore since Earth Day's original intent of teaching the nation about ecology and environmental sustainability has borne fruit: the need to heal and sustain our environment is well understood by most scientists, leaders, and members of the general public, many of whom work hard to effect positive change.

The impact of Bill Anders's photograph on those who first saw it in 1968 was intense. Astronauts have noted that seeing our mother earth from space changed their perspective about society, culture, and time, making them feel far more connected to the web of life on earth and more protective of the only planet we call home.

This year, besides enjoying some vegan food, taking time to imagine the "Earthrise" image's impact on a world that had never seen our incredible big blue marble from an outside perspective might be a great way to lift our spirits and recommit ourselves to fighting the good fight.

*San Diego EarthFest by Vegan Food PopUp, Saturday, April 22, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

*Presidents Way Lawn, Balboa Park, Details at [tinyurl.com/3m5xj23h](https://tinyurl.com/3m5xj23h)*

—Judith Annicchiarico

## UH BEAUTIFICATION

### BIRNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TREE PROJECT NEEDS YOU!

Calling all volunteers! On Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 8:30-11 am, the Beautification Team will be performing its annual maintenance of the Crepe Myrtle trees and parkway next to Birney Elementary School along Meade and Campus Avenues.

We need volunteers to assist with weeding, fertilizing and mulching the trees, and placing decorative stones around the trees and along the parkway. We will also pick up trash, remove graffiti and weed whack.

We also need someone with a pickup truck to bring a load of donated stones from the corner of Meade Avenue and Alabama Street to the school that morning.

Volunteers will assist with loading the stones. Please wear sturdy, comfortable shoes and sunscreen, and bring gardening gloves plus any gardening tools you may have, specifically clippers and trowels.

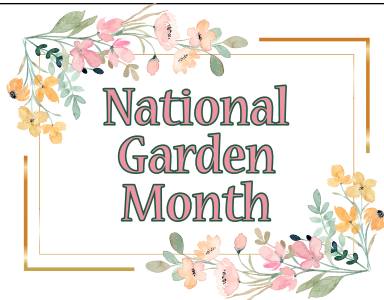
If you would like to volunteer your time, please email B-Team leader Jennifer Bishop at [beautification@uhsd.org](mailto:beautification@uhsd.org) and she will add you to the list of email reminders leading up to that day. Thank you in advance for giving your time!

—Jennifer Bishop, Beautification Committee



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

# April 2023



**1**  
**Garden Club: Mighty Bin**  
 9 am- Noon  
**May News Articles Due**

**2**  
**Hillcrest Farmers Market**  
 9 am - 2 pm  
**Palm Sunday**  
**International Children's Book Day**

**3**  
**UH Trolley Sign 26th Anniversary**

**4**  
**Uptown Planners Meeting**  
 6 pm [uptownplannersd.org](http://uptownplannersd.org)

**5**  
**UH Library: Toddler Storytime**  
 10 am  
**UHCDC**  
 6 pm [uhcdc.org](http://uhcdc.org)  
**UHCA Beautification Meeting**  
 6 pm  
**Passover Begins**

**6**  
**UH Park & Rec Meeting**  
 5:30 pm  
**UHCA Meeting**  
 6:45 pm  
[www.uhsd.org/attend-a-meeting](http://www.uhsd.org/attend-a-meeting)  
**Trolley Barn Park 32nd Anniversary**

**7**  
**Good Friday**  
**World Health Day**

**8**  
**UH Library: Spring Storytime & Craft**  
 3 pm  
**National Zoo Lovers Day**



**9**  
**Hillcrest Farmers Market**  
 9 am - 2 pm  
**Easter**

**11**  
**SDUSD Board Meeting**  
 5 pm [sandiegounified.org](http://sandiegounified.org)  
**UH Library: Springtime Storytime & Craft**  
 6 pm  
**Hillcrest Town Council Meeting**  
 6:30 pm

**12**

**13**  
**Passover Ends**

**14**

**15**  
**UHCA Beautification Birney Tree Care Project**  
 8:30-11am  
**UH Library Book Sale**  
 9am-3pm

**16**  
**Hillcrest Farmers Market**  
 9 am - 2 pm  
**UH Library Book Sale**  
 12-3 pm  
**National Orchid Day**



**18**  
**North Park Planning Committee**  
 6:30 pm  
**Holocaust Remembrance Day**

**19**  
**World Water Day**

**20**

**21**  
**Ramadan Ends**

**22**  
**UH Library: Spring Into STEAM: Fossil Fun!**  
 3 pm  
**Earth Day**

**23**  
**Hillcrest Farmers Market**  
 9 am - 2 pm

**24**

**25**  
**SDUSD Board Meeting**  
 5 pm [sandiegounified.org](http://sandiegounified.org)  
**May News Out**

**26**  
**National Audubon Day**

**27**

**28**  
**Arbor Day**

**29**  
**UH Bike Tune-Up Clinic**  
 10am-1pm

**30**  
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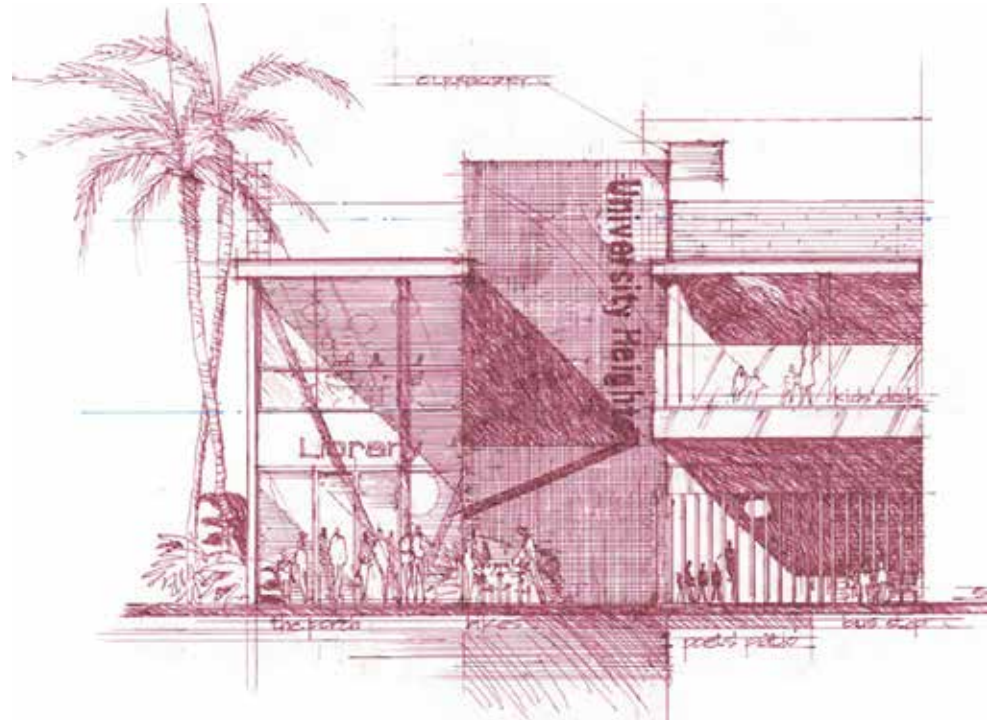
These sketches are to pique your interest, inspire ideas, motivate, and to possibly move a new library forward.

The architect who provided these drawings, Manuel Oncina, is the architect and designer of eleven libraries in San Diego: the new Mission Hills library, Fallbrook, Encinitas, Pacific Beach, Malcolm X and more. He KNOWS libraries! A brief article by the Friends of San Diego Architecture

about Manuel's abilities is here: <https://tinyurl.com/2kt8a24j>. Manuel sketched these plans as a favor to me, which inspired my wanting to take action. How about you?

40 years ago we were advocating for a park. It took some serious work but it happened (see Janet and Eric DuVall's articles on page 11). That was the beginning of the University Heights Community Association (UHCA).

Are we ready for serious work again? I think we are. Join the campaign for a new UH Library, by sending an email to [library@uhsd.org](mailto:library@uhsd.org) to keep up to date on this effort.

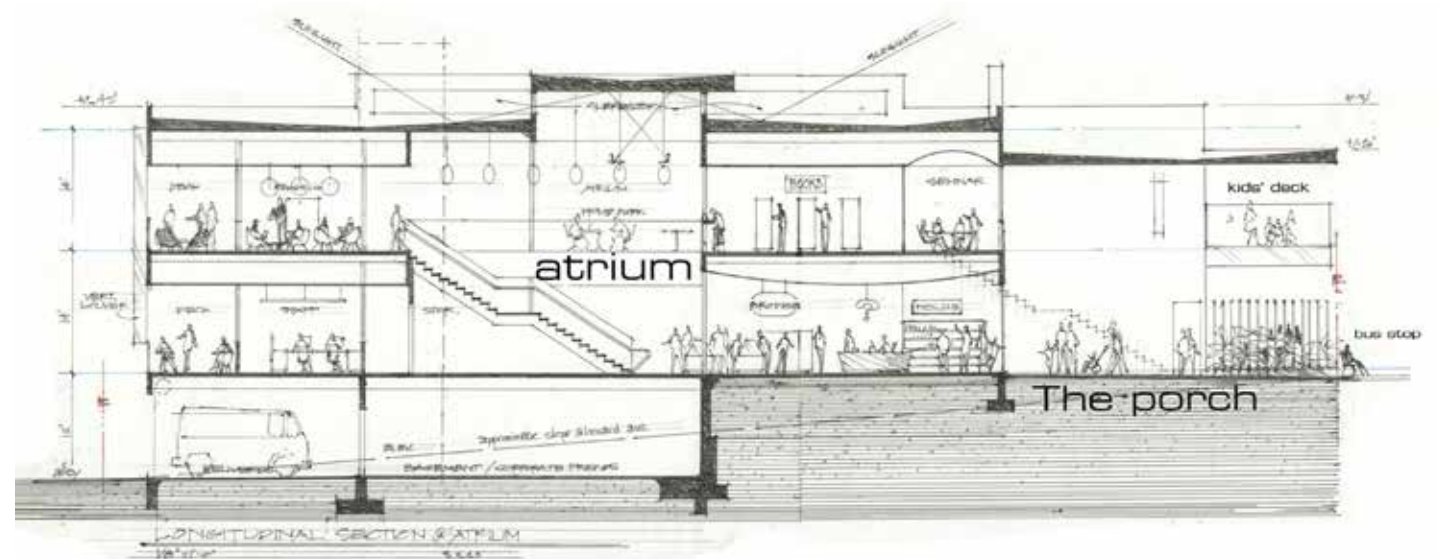


**WEST ELEVATION**

While the new library evokes the original Modernist gesture by using stacked masonry blocks in most of its walls, the supporting frame is projected to be a light seismic-resisting steel frame with metal stud infill walls insulated to meet current Title 24 requirements. Furthermore, the new design embraces the City's pursuit of Zero Net Energy compliance and will result in at least a LEED Gold rating.

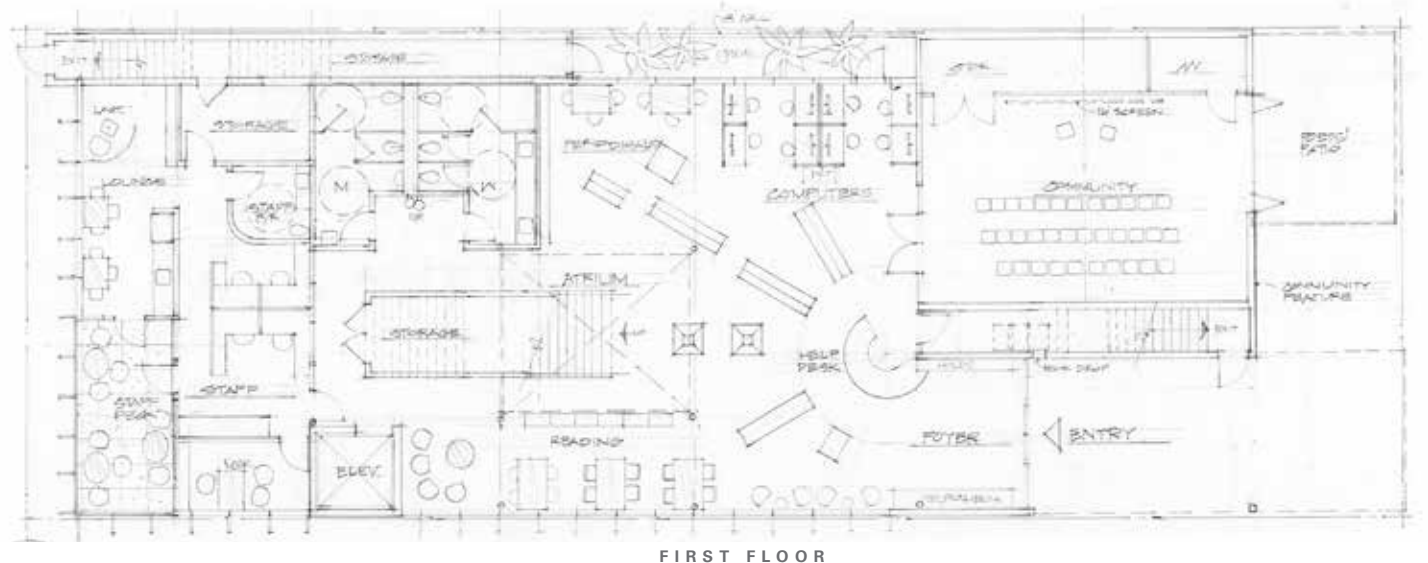
## LONGITUDINAL SECTION

Cross-section elevation drawing along Howard Avenue. The whopping 12,809 sqft facility, with over three times the existing space, has a two-story atrium at its core that provides daylight to more than 80% of the library's regularly occupied spaces. Vertical aluminum louvers play an integral part in the energy-saving solution by reducing solar exposure during the afternoon. They also permit great views out of the building and wonderful natural reading light. Also, the two-story louvers provide a simple organizing design element.

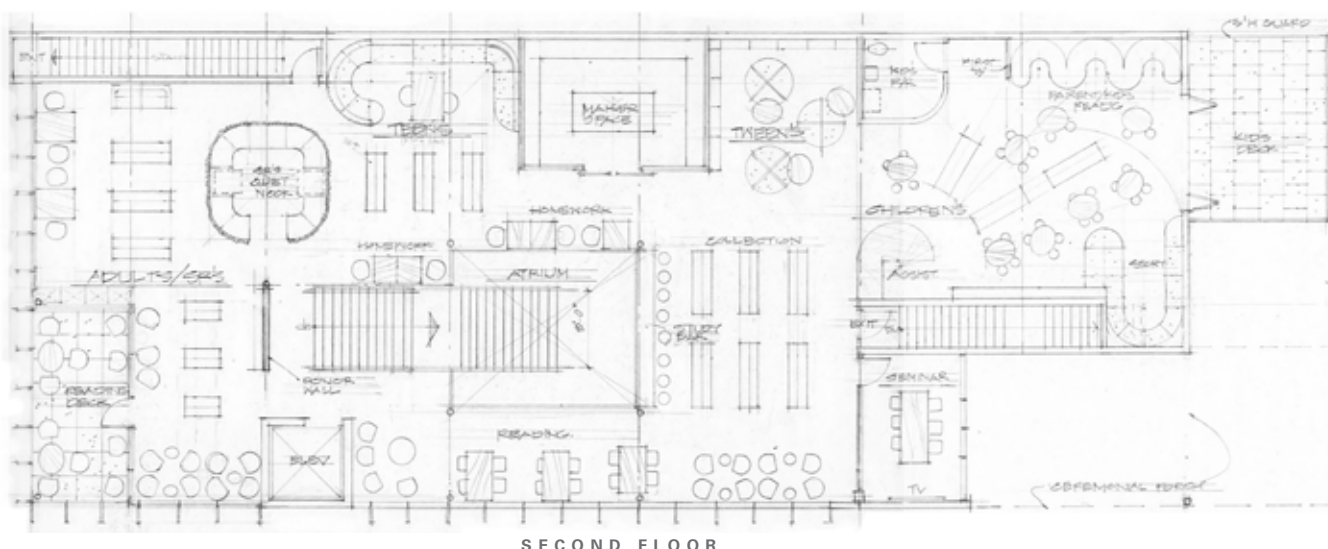


## FIRST FLOOR

The 6,300 sqft first floor is characterized by its bespoke two-story entry porch, its signature – the community doormat. Upon entering, patrons will experience the undulating reception ceiling punctuated by the circular greeting/help desk conveniently located to direct people to the various areas while maintaining clear sightlines. This space also provides key functions such as Book Holds and Self Checkout. The ample size Community Room will feature a secured exterior Poets Patio facing Park Blvd. The atrium is the principal orienting space of the library; it serves as the meet-and-greet space, the browsing area and the periodicals section. The Public Computer Area is found in a nook nearby. The large Staff Area will support and fuel an engaged workforce with collaboration, training, and lounge areas and outdoor deck. While a grand staircase with a special landing area for conversation services the second floor, an elevator connects the second floor and basement below. Energy-wise materials, finishes, and lighting are thoughtfully employed throughout to meet LEED requirements and longevity.



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

## SECOND FLOOR

This realm constitutes the quietest and more private portion of the library. The main areas are the Adults' area with its own exterior reading deck and Seniors' Nook; a small acoustically isolated enclave, the adjacent acoustically separated Teens' Area, the Makerspace (to inspire young minds), the Tweens and finally a large Children's area with its unique outdoor deck. The whole is complemented by a large Seminar Room, study/homework areas and quiet reading area. Materials and finishes are "quieter", more subdued, in these areas, to maintain noise levels down and proper decorum. Lighting also follows suit.

– Manuel Oncina, Architect



# PARTY

## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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# Pet of the Month

## The Story of Desi and Becca

One was a show quality pick of the litter whose beauty still stops people on the street. The other, a stray, was collected by Spaniel rescue in a two-for one deal. One was raised and trained by a six-year-old girl as she joined the family Australian Shepard breeding business. The puppy learned quickly and still retains adorable little tricks. The other refused to use the doggy door in her foster home, and then was rejected twice for adoption. Turns out, chewing up family heirlooms and biting children during a home visit isn't much of a selling point.

John and Kate met Desi at a local dog show in Lancaster. Lancaster was their last stop on a day long puppy hunt. It was love at first sight. Smart, emotionally balanced and stunningly beautiful, Desi, at seven months old, would move to San Diego. In the flurry to prepare their University Heights home for the new dog, Kate forgot something about herding dogs. They need a job. Without assigned tasks, the herding dog will make one for itself. It can become anxious, destructive or just annoying. How quickly Kate forgot the fifteen years she lived with a directionless herding dog. Her friends, neighbors and the postman will never forget.

Enter Becca. Spaniel Rescue was extremely motivated to find her a home. They were paying to board her as she was impossible in foster care. She arrived in University Heights beautifully groomed with pink bows. So deceptively cute. Kate met her on the front lawn. Becca rolled over and presented her



Desi



Becca

belly. Desi herded and licked her head. John got nipped. Becca moved in.

That was thirteen years ago. We have all gotten older. Desi still manages Becca. Over the years, Becca has mellowed. Though he hates to admit it, John loves little Becca. She sits under his chair as he plays the blues. Desi lies by Kate's piano as she plays. Off duty with one eye open. Always waiting for direction.

These two are our daily delight. John calls them "Kate's posse". Yep. Lucky me.

— Kate Neale

**Do you know a pet we should feature? We'd love to highlight all of our furry (and not so furry) UH neighbors! Send info & photo to [uhcanews@uhsd.org](mailto:uhcanews@uhsd.org)!**

## UH GARDEN CLUB

### UH Garden Club Events



The University Heights Garden Club went on a field trip to visit City Farmers Nursery in City Heights on Saturday, January 21st to learn about Fruit Tree Selection + Care. Sam Tall, owner of City Farmers, spoke to the Club on selecting the right fruit tree for each person's particular garden space, when to fertilize fruit trees, chill hours, pruning, and the importance of gypsum for water percolation. Thank you City Farmers for hosting us!

Interested in attending other garden related events? Join the UH Garden Club! Membership is free and so are most events. Visit [www.uhsd.org/events](http://www.uhsd.org/events) to check out our upcoming events and follow us on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/universityheightsgardenclub/> for all kinds of tips and tricks related to growing your own food.

—Lauren Doucette

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BETWEEN THE COVERS

# UH Library Happenings

Hi all, it's Peggy, the Library Assistant III here at the University Heights Branch Library. As an avid reader, I wanted to tell you about two library projects I'm passionate about. One is the Dublin Literary Committee of which I'm a part. As a member of the committee I try to read widely the latest in contemporary literary fiction. The goal is to nominate the best novel published in English within the last year, and we pay particular attention to works from smaller presses and emerging writers. Currently considering books published between July 2022-June 2023, let me know if you have any suggestions.



The other program I volunteer for is the Library's MatchBook service. If you didn't already know about it, MatchBook is a program you access through our website that offers you a customized reading list based on your reading history and preferences. Personally created by a library staff member, each one is unique and features at least five recommended titles based on that particular staff member's area of expertise. This free, quirky labor of love will be emailed to you within a week of your application.



Lastly, hope you are enjoying a vibrant San Diego Spring. Do you like poetry? Did you know April is National Poetry Month? With the increasing daylight and all manner of green shoots and wildflowers popping up, it's a perfect time to check out the latest Billy Collins, revisit a favorite poet, or be inspired to grab a journal and try writing your own. In the words of poet Mary Oliver, Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

Happy Spring, happy reading, and hope to see you soon at the San Diego Public Library! To learn more about supporting your local library, visit [www.friendsofuhlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofuhlibrary.org).

—Peggy Goings, Library Assistant III  
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NEIGHBOR INTERVIEWS

# One Family, Five Generations in UH

Heidi Baumgartner lives in University Heights, as has her mother and father... and her maternal grandparents and maternal great-grandparents! It all started about 1911, when her maternal great-grandparents moved from a rental on Park Boulevard to a house on Proctor Place. This traditional craftsman was designed and built by her great-grandfather, Louis de Selm, to include very high doorways due to him being a very tall man. Louis was one of the electricians involved in creating the Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park in 1915.



Proctor St. Craftsman Backyard - Jill Gibbs



Proctor Street Craftsman Circa 1911

It was in this house that Heidi's grandfather, Barney, was born. He was an only child and attended San Diego High. As an adult, Barney was in charge of the stage lighting at Balboa Park's Old Globe Theatre. Barney had a daughter, Jill, who attended Hoover High School where she met Bob Gibbs. Both Jill and Bob attended San Diego State. During their college years, they were acquaintances of each other, but once they graduated, they started dating. Bob got his degree in civil engineering and spent his career working for Caltrans. Jill's degree was in general science and she worked in various labs throughout the city. Bob and Jill married in 1966.

In 1973, they bought a two-story Spanish-style home on the north end of Maryland Street. While they had purchased the home from its original owner, it had been a rental property for 50 years and was

in need of serious repair. Bob carefully worked on the home and added many fine details such as stained-glass windows, hand-stenciled trim, and tiled patios. It was a painstakingly long process, but one that Bob and Jill did with love and love for the community. Heidi still remembers the neighborhood parties that occurred in the 1970s with all of the neighbors at the end of Maryland Street going from house to house to eat and drink.

This house on Maryland Street is where Heidi and her younger brother, John, grew up. Both attended Alice Birney Elementary School, Roosevelt Jr. High, local high schools, and UC campuses. John became a landscape architect in the Bay Area and has helped University Heights with community charrettes and native plantings, like the live oaks at UH Point. Heidi met her future husband, Hans, at UCLA. After graduation and graduate degrees, they married and were living in New Jersey; but they missed California and returned to San Diego (Heidi did some student teaching at Alice Birney). They were living with Heidi's parents on Maryland Street when a happy dog walk let them notice a house on Golden Gate that was getting ready to go on the market. Hans and Heidi made an offer that day and have been living there ever since ... just a few blocks away from her parents, Heidi and Hans had two daughters... a fifth generation to live in University Heights!

—Jane Gilbert

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## BIRNEY BUZZ

### Birney Bees find Reasons to Run

Spring has arrived and despite the unusual weather we had in late winter, Birney Bees stayed active as they prepared for the 16th annual Run for the Green which took place on March 17th. Run for the Green is a health and wellness run that takes place at Birney. Students run or walk to raise money to help support Birney's International Baccalaureate (IB) program which includes Spanish, art, and garden for all students.

Run for the Green was started in 2008 by PE teacher Coach Lord, who has taught at Birney since 1997. Coach Lord was inspired by other local schools that were hosting similar events in order to fundraise for their schools. She was the event's primary organizer for 3 years, and then brought in Friends of Alice Birney Elementary (FOABE) in 2011 to help increase fundraising, which was a great success. FOABE now handles the fundraising aspects that take place before the event and also organizes parent volunteers for the day. Coach Lord runs the event itself and is its biggest advocate, cheering students on and counting their laps as they circle the field.

Coach Lord credits both FOABE and Birney families for the success that the event is today: "Our Run for The Green is successful because of the great job the parents do to promote it. Our foundation has developed relationships with many local businesses, they get goods donated to reward students that raise the most money and some matching funds for donations. The event is great because we have tons of parent participation. They help with set up, have orange and water stations on tracks (there are 3) and assist the teachers with getting kids ready for the run and marking their laps."

Another aspect of Run for the Green that was started by Coach Lord is the event's t-shirt contest, which is very popular with students. Coach Lord initially had Birney Student Council members draw the design for the t-shirts, but expanded it to an open contest in 2012 in which all Birney students can enter their designs. Coach Lord and Birney art teacher Mr. Evans review the submissions together and select at least one artist from each grade level. The selected designs and artists names are printed on the t-shirts, and each student who raises a minimum of \$75 for the event receives a t-shirt.

Coach Lord also started Running Club at Birney, which helps prepare students



Coach Lord shows off the Running Club mile board at Birney

for Run for the Green and helps students stay physically active in general. Running Club is a daily optional activity before school where students can run or walk laps on the track. On Wednesday mornings, students participating in the Running Club can do a timed mile. Coach Lord says it's one of her favorite times of the day and fondly recalls the time that she arranged a visit from Mebrahtom "Meb" Keflezighi, who is an Eritrean-born American long distance runner and an Olympic silver medalist. During his visit he ran the mile with Birney students and then led an inspiration assembly about perseverance and dedication.

Noah H, a Birney 4th grader who regularly participates in Running Club says: "I love running club because it's a great chance to exercise your body and get your extra energy out before you start the day. You also have a chance to hang out with your friends while being active."

Coach Lord also encourages her students to stay active in a variety of ways. In her PE classes she incorporates teamwork, dancing, uses small teams for games so students get more play time, and even introduces sports that students don't usually get exposed to in elementary school, such as golf. She tries to make her classes fun for students and says, "I think fitness/activity is a lifestyle and so important for physical and mental health."

A lifelong fitness enthusiast and athlete—a springboard diver as a child, a collegiate gymnast at SDSU, and a triathlete—Coach Lord also practices what she preaches: "I try to lead by example—kids regularly see my wetsuit hanging in my room after a morning swim and I always try to run a bit at the Run for the Green. Old knees protest but that's what ice is for!"

— Sarah Layne, Proud Birney Parent and UH Community Member

## ROO NEWS

### Roosevelt Middle School to Host Free Collaborative Concert on Earth Day



The Roosevelt Middle School Advanced Orchestra performs at the Winter Concert

In a first-of-its-kind event for the school, Roosevelt International Middle School is hosting a public concert in collaboration with AmateurPianists, a non-profit group dedicated to bringing musicians of all ages together to perform in various venues, from recital halls to private homes. The concert will take place on Saturday April 22, from 11:00 AM until noon in the auditorium, and feature performances from both students and community members. The theme of the concert is the ways in which a person's relationship to music changes as they go through different phases of life.

Dr. Sonya Schumann, chairperson of AmateurPianists, describes the event as follows: "AmateurPianists is excited to partner with Roosevelt Middle School in our first shared community event. While AP is most well-known for its international piano competition held every 3 years, AmateurPianists proudly sponsors monthly opportunities within San Diego for adult amateur musicians. This special partnership facilitates a new connection between AP pianists and young musicians, sharing the goal of a life-long love of music."

In other music news, Sonya Harris, a longtime volunteer at Roosevelt Middle School, will be receiving a Spotlight Award from the San Diego Unified School District's Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) department. Ms. Harris is a community member in the same neighborhood as Roosevelt, who, along with her husband Richard, has poured immeasurable time and energy into providing enrichment opportunities for the students. She is a key member of the Friends of Roosevelt Foundation Music Boosters and provides a crucial link between the school and local music organizations. Her tireless networking results in field trips, guest performances and clinics at school, discounts for students to attend performances, and other musical experiences for students and their families that may have been out of reach or simply unknown to them otherwise.

For more news and information about Roosevelt International Middle School, please visit the Friends of Roosevelt foundation's website at <https://friendsofroosevelt.org/>.

— Andy Hinds



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## The Trolley Barn Park and the Beginnings of the University Heights Community Association

In the early Eighties, Janice and I had a little house just off of Florida Street on Madison Avenue, and a baby daughter. We would push her around the neighborhood in her stroller, frequently going by the ruins of the old Trolley Car Barn on Adams Avenue. We didn't know what had been there before, but we did wonder what was going to happen with that big piece of property. It looked like it would make a great spot for a park. It sure seemed like the neighborhood could use something like that, and it would have been ideal for us. So we started calling the Trolley Barn site "The Park." We had been calling it that for maybe six months when Janice called me at work one day very upset. She said: "They're building something at the Park!" I said, "What are you talking about?" She said, "There is a bunch of big earth moving equipment on that lot! Somebody is going to build something on our park!"

False alarm. It turned out the city was doing some road work down the street, but that event got us moving. We found out that there was a project planned for the site: Two five story apartment buildings! We printed up some alarmist flyers spilling the beans on the "Apartment Towers." Eventually we held a community meeting with close to two hundred riled up neighbors at Alice Birney Elementary School. That was the very beginning of the UHCA. University Heights as a community name had fallen out of common parlance at that time. People would say: "We live over by North Park." So one of the first things the Community Association did was to put up the "Entering University Heights" signs on all the major thoroughfares. People began to say that they lived in University Heights.

The Park did not happen overnight. It took several years but we were finally able to convince the city to do the right thing and purchase that historic site for the beautiful Park we know today. A community may be a locale or a part of town, but people are what makes a community special. In our case the Trolley Barn Park became the issue that the people rallied around and that brought the community of University Heights together.

—Eric DuVall

## HOMELESS SOLUTION CONVERSATION UPDATE

February 2nd was our first in person UHCA meeting of 2023 and our topic was a Community Conversation on Homelessness, specifically, what can we do as a community to find SOLUTIONS to this ever present and growing issue. It also was Ground Hog Day when if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, it means 6 more weeks of winter. It is our hope that we as a community will continue to come back to this topic to find lasting solutions in not just the weeks, but the months to come.

We were fortunate enough to have a very robust panel of experts ranging from political representation, Father Joe's Villages, PATH, representatives from the City and County homeless organizations as well as our Community Relations Officer David Surwilo. A complete list of participants is listed in the MARCH UHCA News under "In Case You Missed It".

We learned that San Diego County is one of seven counties in California who will have CARE COURT in place by Oct. 1, 2023. What this means is that the courts can have treatment plans drawn up at the request of family members, first responders and others

Homeless Solution continued on page 12

## Trolley Barn Park Story

1981. Newlywed, my husband (Eric) and I bought a little craftsman on Madison Ave., right in the heart of .... well, we weren't sure what this part of town was called; between Texas Street and Park Blvd. It had history, charm, character, and ambiance; our tiny craftsman style bungalow with crooked floor and dark hardwood window trim and cabinets was home. This old neighborhood of mature trees and proximity to all parts of San Diego was a neighborhood with potential.

1982. With my newborn daughter, I walked the neighborhood daily past the Old Trolley Barn site. Nothing more than a big hole in the ground at the time while envisioning a mirage of a park with other moms and children to play with. Eric and I often called that hole "the park" long before there was even talk about a park conversion.

On one of the morning walks I noticed bulldozers in the hole; panicked, and ran home to call Eric at work (way before cell phones). "Hey! They are going to build something in the park!" I shouted! Life became a non-stop blur from then on.

An objective was launched via fierce networking and investigation; there was enough information gathered to entice participation from the neighborhood and created a flyer (typed on an Underwood typewriter!) with the words HELLO NEIGHBOR as the headline.... I rode throughout the neighborhood distributing the flyer from my bike (illegally placing it on windshields). A meeting was called to be located at Alice Birney Elementary School's auditorium with a surprising 200 people in attendance! Many events transpired from there:

- 1) The neighborhood was surveyed and we chose the name University Heights outlining its boundaries
- 2) A Grass Roots Organization called the University Heights Community Association was formed with Eric as its first president
- 3) The idea of a Park caught the attention and approval of Councilwoman Gloria McColl who pushed the purchase through Council
- 4) A Community Development Corporation was created to bring in money for a Business Association and street improvements
- 5) A park design committee was formed in partnership with SD Park and Rec Department and I served as chair
- 6) A bond was formed with Nan McGraw, Chris Huddy, Michelle Muscat, J.D. Abercrombie, Ernestine Bonn, and others to expand and carry on
- 7) A park and business center was born; an example of what people can do in harmonic collaboration

Happy 32nd Birthday Old Trolley Barn Park.

—Janice DuVall

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME?

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# Bike Tune-Up Clinic Old Trolley Barn Park April 29 10am-1pm

Calling all bike enthusiasts! We had such an overwhelming response to our community Lights in the Heights nighttime bike ride in December, we decided to host more cycling events in the neighborhood. With springtime and Bike to Work Day (May 18th) coming just around the corner, UHCA is hosting a bike tune-up clinic with the folks at Bikes Del Pueblo!

Join us in Old Trolley Barn Park Saturday, April 29th from 10 AM – 1PM with your bike (kids bikes also welcome!) to get some assistance with patches, changing tubes/tires, cleaning off rust from chains, troubleshooting brake issues, and the like. Swing by anytime during the clinic hours to receive assistance with your bike, plus visit with local bike organizations and companies who will be giving away cycling related freebies, including:

- WD-40** • Providing a lubrication station
- Trek Bikes** • \$20 off coupons & cycling gear
- San Diego Velodrome** • Discussing their VeloYouth program, track clinics, and bike swap meets
- Coffee Cycle** • Free coffee for attendees and info on their coffee subscription program
- SANDAG** • Safety info and cycling maps
- UHCA** • Selling Bike UH T-Shirts



At the close of the clinic, UHCA and Bikes Del Pueblo will be leading an easy, one hour group ride around University Heights for anyone interested in testing out their newly fixed up bikes and/or just cycling around town with new cycling friends. Join us for the group ride, leaving Trolley Barn Park at 1 pm.

If you are in the market for an used bike, we encourage you to stop by and chat with the folks from Bikes Del Pueblo. They fix up and resell used bikes at very reasonable prices at their Sunday clinic.

Thank you to Bikes Del Pueblo, and all our event partners and sponsors for brining this great Free event to UH!

Register to attend at [www.uhsd.org/events](http://www.uhsd.org/events).  
— Lauren Doucette

## UHHS NEWS

### HUNT FOR HISTORY: SIDEWALK CONTRACTOR STAMPS

Founded in 1888, University Heights is home to many historic homes, businesses, landmarks, and even sidewalk contractor stamps.

Take a walk throughout our community and you will find stamped icons on many sidewalks with the contractor's name or union, the city in which the business was registered, and year the concrete was set.



These sidewalk contractor stamps are symbols of the pride that trades people displayed in building our community. They also hold important clues to our community's historical development and can help determine the age of a building. This is because sidewalks are usually laid immediately before or after the first building is constructed on a block.

University Heights has over 350 of these stamps dating back to 1910. A map of all the stamps identified by UH Historical Society volunteer, Bill Ellig, is available on the University Heights Historical Society web site at:

[www.uhhs-uhcdc.org/blog/sidewalk-contractor-stamps-take-a-walk-back-in-time](http://www.uhhs-uhcdc.org/blog/sidewalk-contractor-stamps-take-a-walk-back-in-time)

Bill found 58 stamps from 1922 including three dated September 1922. Of the three dated September 1922, one is located at Park Blvd. and Meade Ave. and the other at Georgia St. and Mission Ave. Can you find the third stamp dated September 1922 shown in the photo?

The first person to email Bill at [sidewalkstampsUH@gmail.com](mailto:sidewalkstampsUH@gmail.com) with a photo of the third stamp and the correct cross streets will be mentioned in the next UH Historical Society column of the UHCA News.

— Kristin Harms  
University Heights Historical Society

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for someone diagnosed with certain disorders. A conservatorship and order to comply will be placed for those who refuse help. We heard what measures are being taken by community organizations to alleviate the issue of homelessness. Our focus has been, and will continue to be on that roughly 35% who fall into the category of chronic substance abusers and/or mentally ill, as we feel this presents the greatest risk not only to them, but to our community.

Thirteen of our neighbors expressed interest in following up to work on specific solutions that we can implement or have implemented by local government and/or organizations. Email has been sent and we are looking to gather mid-March to begin those discussions. If you or someone you know is interested in getting more involved, please contact us at [HomelessUHCA@gmail.com](mailto:HomelessUHCA@gmail.com).

Lastly, special thanks to Katharine Cline, Angela Jackson-Llamas and Marc Johnson for making our Feb. 2nd meeting possible!

— Deborah Welsch-Morrison

Sat June 3rd

# UH YARD SALE

Free registration and updates at [UHYARDSALE@gmail.com](mailto:UHYARDSALE@gmail.com)

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