University Heights Community Association / July & August 2016

NEWS

PIE FOR DINNER!?
New Park Blvd. Shop to Offer Sweet and Savory Pies  By Andrea Bacal

University Heights is again looking forward to a new restaurant experience. Pop Pies is opening on Park Blvd. at Meade Ave, in early July! Those of us who were lucky enough to taste their samples at the May meeting or at one of their popup events have a personal reason for being excited. For the rest, I will try to describe why.

We attended a recent popup event at a Mission Hills coffee shop, where free pies were available for all from 5 pm – 8 pm. By 5 pm, there was already quite a crowd and line out the door. But let me back up a bit.

Steve Torres and Gan Suebsarakham go way back. Steve describes their beginnings like this: “Our journey with Pop Pie Co. started soon after Gan completed his MBA program and wanted to pursue his dream of opening a restaurant where he could share his passion for baking and cooking,” Steve said.

Gan never intended to get master’s degree in business, but it happened after his visa was declined because an officer deemed his culinary and baking school background not enough to renew his visa. He was told to come back when he found a new academic goal. He came back all right! Earned an MBA and is now ready to share his passion and love for baking and cooking with everyone.

Steve said he lived in Seattle for 10 years where he was embedded in the coffee culture; this has made coffee the perfect partner to Gan’s pies. “Our menu will consist of a handful of five-inch savory pies and another handful of our three-inch sweet pies with exact numbers to be determined,” Steve said. “We will pair our savory pies with a choice of either three cold sides or three hot sides and offer the two as a lunch or dinner combination meal. A savory pie and a side for your meal and a smaller sweet pie for dessert!”

We tasted many of the choices. My favorite of the savory pies was a chicken in a delicious sauce whose flavors are globally inspired. The absolute best part of this savory pie was its crust. It always thought my mother made the most tender, best-tasting, flakiest pie crusts. But Gan’s pie crust is beyond flaky, buttery, and delicious! Of the sweet pies we tasted, my favorite was the lemon. Light and fluffy, somewhere between a lemon meringue pie and a lemon cream pie, it seems to float into your mouth and magically deliver its heavenly taste.

“We are a fast-casual restaurant by definition,” Steve said. “Customers will walk up to a counter, make their selections and receive their food within a few minutes. Our concept will include a multi-roaster specialty coffee program, six craft beers on tap, and wine. Our goal is to create a unique eating and drinking experience and provide excellent service to our customers.”

Pop Pies will be an exciting addition to our neighborhood!

4404 Park Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92116
(619) 900-4743 or (206) 898-2377
poppieco.com

Have a fun, safe summer! Although UHCA News is dark in July and August, we still have our presence throughout University Heights. Plan to stop by our tables at the Summer in the Park concerts, check out the merchandise, and become more involved in our beloved Trolley Barn Park. There will also be a survey regarding the park and how to make it better (see page 15).

Also, attend our “Cookies with the Cops” at a location near you on August 25. Meet your neighbors and add to our selection by bringing your favorite homemade cookies. This outreach to you by University Heights Community Association (UHCA) and the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) isn’t just about crime. It is about quality of life: speeding, pot holes, downed signage, broken city fences, you name it.

Looking Ahead:
Note change of next meeting date: Thursday, September 8

Agenda: CALTRANS staff will discuss city/state boundaries and responsibilities at Hwy. 101 and Washington Street; the traffic light & subsequent congestion at Lincoln and Washington; nomination of UHCA officers; and a display of local images of 9/11/01.

In Case You Missed It

SANDAG’S BIG PLANS
Rapid Transit, HOV Lanes, Three New Trolleys, and Much More Planned
By Monica Lanctot

The San Diego Association of Governments, better known by its acronym SANDAG, presented some big plans for improving transportation in the City and County of San Diego, including University Heights (UBH), at the June University Heights Community Association (UHCA) meeting. SANDAG is the regional authority for San Diego County among whose more recent transport projects is the new Park Blvd. rapid bus lane.

Before the SANDAG talk, however, the June meeting opened with the usual Crime Watch report from David Surwillo, the community relations officer for the Western Division of the San Diego Police Department (SDPD). Officer Surwillo (Continued on Page 3)
The calendar tells me that summer is here. You generally need to check the calendar in San Diego to know the season as there’s such a sameness to our weather. While I mostly miss having real seasons, I don’t miss the heat and oppressive humidity of East Coast summers. In many ways, San Diego and Southern California seem made for summer and there’s no end of things to enjoy living in University Heights.

By the time this paper hits your doorstep, the annual concert series Summer in the Park presented by the University Heights Community Development will be ready to kick off. If you’re new to the neighborhood, it’s our community’s summer block party held Friday evenings from 6 – 8 pm in the Trolley Barn Park. This year’s series kicks off with Sue Palmer’s Motel Swing Orchestra. Sue usually is the series closer, but scheduling conflicts led her to be the opener. She’ll almost certainly be the highlight musically of the series. I’m not familiar with the other four bands, but historically the music is almost incidental to the opportunity for our neighborhood to gather together for a kid-friendly mass picnic. I love the Summer in the Park because it makes me feel like I live in a small town of a few thousand people rather than a metropolitan city of over one million.

The popularity of the Summer in the Park has led some folks to begin trying to get an outdoor movie (one now and an eventual series later) set up in the park in September 10. They’re working on getting permits now. We’ll have more to announce in our next newspaper.

UHCA is again sponsoring “Cookies with the Cops” (Thanks once again for organizing this, Nan McGraw!) on Thursday, August 25. More details in this paper. This will give you an opportunity to meet informally with the police who work our neighborhood to discuss face-to-face any concerns you have.

Otherwise, there’s a ton of things to do within a stone’s throw of our neck of the woods – beaches and snow cones beckon! Whatever you do this summer, I hope you have a great one!
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provided a community crime update and also offering advice on dealing with stolen property, including taking photos of items within your home as well as their serial numbers so that police reports can include that information. In addition, UHCA presented a new Neighborhood Watch sign design for comment.

In another important announcement, Adriana Martinez from Councilmember Todd Gloria’s office, informed attendees that the exterior of the UH branch library on Park Blvd. will be painted prior to its 50-year anniversary celebration this coming October 29, and that city’s maintenance department has confirmed this will happen in that timeframe. Meanwhile, Mark Zambon, from the office of U.S. Representative Susan Davis, described a new water bill that the congresswoman has sponsored that, if passed, will allow the use of rebates and tax credits to consumers who install drought-tolerant options, including gray water systems, rain barrels and other systems.

Additionally Bill Ellig, a longtime UH resident who is a member of Uptown Planners, discussed some recommendations the group will be making to amend certain aspects of the Uptown Community Plan update.

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Cookies with the Cops coming to a location near you!

When the University Heights Community Association (UHCA) started “Coffee with the Cops” in the mid-1980s, the crime statistics in University Heights (UH) were high. Residents together with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD), went from neighbor to neighbor to listen and note their concerns. Together, the SDPD and the UHCA closed down some serious drug houses, and, as a result, crime stats plummeted.

We stressed neighbors getting together to form Neighborhood Watch groups. Later, we saw the need to link Neighborhood Watch groups into Zone Watches, which became an email outreach joining blocks and residents together. This unique system, managed by UHCA’s Zone Coordinators, communicates crime stats and other information within their respective zones and throughout the community. Today, Next Door and other social media further enhance communication. Recent evidence of the success of these efforts has been the dialogue regarding problems and solutions at The Point.

However, it takes more than UHCA providing events and meetings to make safe and desirable mini-neighborhoods. It takes you to determine the cohesiveness of your block and outreach to your neighbors. This summer consider getting together with your neighbors to throw a block party or organize a lawn movie night. These are simple ways to bring neighbors together and help spot potential crime.

We also urge you to join UHCA and SDPD for this summer’s “Cookies with the Cops” on Thursday, August 25, at one of three locations listed below. Though we’ll have cookies, why not bring a batch of your favorite cookies to share with your neighbors? At these sites, UHCA will have a prototype of new Neighborhood/Zone Watch signs. Be sure to ask us about ways you can sponsor a sign near your home. You can make a difference.

Thursday, August 25
5:30 pm
New Vision Christian Fellowship (parking lot at Meade and Park Blvd)

6:15 pm
UH End of Vermont Street Bridge

7:00 pm
Corner of Delaware and Madison Ave.

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Three Reasons Why UHCA Needs Your Membership Dues:

1. Help pay for activities such as the neighborhood clean-ups, Coffee with the Cops, Caroling in the Heights, and much more
2. Support the monthly newspapers, website, social media sites, and Birney School students
3. Fix problem areas including community fence repairs and sponsor neighborhood clean-ups

Sign up today!
Happening in the Heights

COMEDY

TWIGGS
4590 Park Blvd (at Madison) (619) 296-0616 / www.twiggs.org

- Comedy Heights: Every Saturday 8 pm
- Celtic Ensemble: Every Sunday 4-6 pm

LESTAT'S ON ADAMS
3343 Adams Ave. (619) 282-0437 / www.lestats.com

- Comedy Night: Hosted by Rajan Dhami Every Tuesday 9-11 pm
- LAFAYETTE HOTEL Celebrating 70 years 2223 El Cajon Blvd. (619) 296-2101 www.lafayettehotelsd.com

- LESTAT'S ON ADAMS 3343 Adams Ave. (619) 282-0437 / www.lestats.com

- Jazz Session: Every Monday 6:30–11 pm
- Open Mic Night: Every Monday 6:30-11 pm

3RD SPACE
4610 Park Blvd. (619) 255-1151 www.3rdspace.co

- Co-Working & Club For The Creative
- Jazz Session

THEATRE
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE
4427 Park Blvd. (619) 220-0097 www.diversionary.org

- Lafayette Jazz Concerts: Every Sunday 4–6 pm
- Lafayette Jazz Concerts: 1-4 pm every Sunday
- Lafayette Jazz Concerts: Night Blooming Jazzmen
- Lafayette Jazz Concerts: August 21
- Lafayette Jazz Concerts: September 18
- Lafayette Jazz Concerts: October 16

MUSIC
PARK & REC
4612 Park Blvd. (619) 795-9700 / www.parkandread.com

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ACROSS THE STREET AT MUELLER COLLEGE
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MERAKI - MERAKI - MERAKI - MERAKI (WHAT IS IT?)

By J.D. Abercrombie

April Brandenstein has a new business in UH. The old silk mill building is now home to Meraki (pronounced “meh-RAH-kee”), her new café. It is one week into a “soft opening,” as the temporary sign says. So what are we to expect?

At this time, you may buy Equator organic fair trade coffee (which will be freshly ground). This is the only place in all of San Diego where it is sold. There is also organic loose leaf tea. Yes, you can get these things at a variety of places BUT, at Meraki Café, April blends her own syrups and horchata mix. No bottles of premixed add-ons here. Baked goods are from Bread & Cie and bagels from BCB are made fresh daily. There are also acai bowls and granola.

April graduated from the Art Institute of New York City in 2003 and has a degree in Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management. Some ideas for the near future for her location are a book exchange, space for local artists’ work, yoga on the patio, and definitely an herb garden in the back patio where you may have your well-behaved dog with you. She is also considering movies on the patio and hopes to have everything from

Asked why she believes her Cafe will make it at this location when others have not, April said, it is “to do something with passion, creativity and love; to put something of yourself into her work,” which will prevail. And, that is the meaning of the Greek word, Meraki.

Yes, free Wi-fi.

Meraki Café
1735 Adams Avenue
San Diego, CA 92116
(619) 269-9618 / merakicafesd.com

Editor’s Note: For those readers who may not know the history of this historic building, the Silk Mill was a thriving cottage industry at the turn of the last century. It was across the street from the Ostrich Farm. The San Diego Chamber of Commerce helped establish it, encouraging homeowners to raise silkworms in their backyards. Tourists would also drop by to watch mill operations or buy silk products. In 1929, the business relocated to 4665 Park Blvd where it operated for another two years before closing.

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University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC) PRESENTS

It's a special year for the University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC), for it will celebrate its 20th Annual Concert Series in the Old Trolley Barn Park at Adams Avenue and Florida Street!

Because it is our 20th Anniversary, Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra will kick off the event on Friday evening July 8th. Our Summer in the Park banners went up in June to set the stage for the sounds of great music that will soon have us getting into the swing of the event, either sitting relaxing to the music, performing dance steps in front of the stage or enjoying socializing with family & friends. Let’s celebrate in this great neighborhood park for another five Fridays of fun, ice cream, and a choice selection of bands and vendors.

The five free Friday evening concerts in our own Trolley Barn Park will present two new bands, two old groups from a few years ago, and our local perennial favorite. The fun starts on Friday, July 8th with Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra opening our important 20th annual event and The OC British Invaders Band concluding it on August 5th. We’ll be treated to a great medley of musical styles featuring Boogie-Woogie & Swing, Chicago Blues, Zydeco, Funk & Soul, and the music of the 60s from across the pond that still reverberates today.

The concert series is just one of the many ways the UHCDC has helped to make UH such a great place to live. For example: Design & installation of an Orchid Award UH Street Sign and gateway ID signs, UH Library Mural, kiosk at Trolley Barn Park, art gate at Birney Playing Field; banners along Park Blvd. and Adams Avenue; UH Historical Society historic designations; Historical Resources Board awards for the San Diego Unified School District Historic Survey, UH Library Mural, UH Library Task Force; UH Recreation Council oversight of Trolley Barn Park, Birney Playing Field and UH Point Open Space; bicycle racks in the park; SD School District support for the Teachers Training Annex as the new UH Branch Library; over 100 new parking spaces.

Concerts are the result of the hard work of the all-volunteer UHCDC board in partnership with the University Heights Recreation Council, the City’s Park & Recreation Department and the County of San Diego Enhancement Program.

Included in the success of the event are All-events Co-Sponsors: Toni Atkins, State Assembly Speaker Emeritus, Ross Lopez and Mark Ballam, Park & Rec, Mary Anne Stevens, H.G. Fenton Company, Roxanne Govari and her Pemberley Realty Team, Jonathan & Wendy Segal, as well as Event Promoter Queen Bee’s Art & Cultural Center. The many donors whose generous contributions from within and outside our community are another important part of the event sponsor levels including Band Sponsors Anderson Plumbing, Heating & Air and UCSD Health.

There are many others who participate with a booth during the concerts. We welcome non-profits as well as other organizations. All of the neighbors nearby who join the celebration and graciously assist our visitors are stakeholders in the success of the series.

With our concerts growing in popularity each year it is important to remember some summertime’s friendly Friday evening facts (your visiting friends will need to know all this before they come over, too). First, parking is at a premium on a regular Friday night in the Heights and tougher still during concert season. Walk, take the bus or ride a bike and remember to be courteous to the neighbors. Don’t block driveways, red curbs, bus lanes or other restricted areas, and deposit your trash in park containers before you go home.

Second, make your picnic planning easy, pick up a pizza at our local pizzerias, order take out for your picnic dinner or eat before hand at one of our great UH restaurants for a short walk back to the park. And remember at every concert there will be ice cream treats from Mrs. Frostie.

As a few last reminders – the park will have three porta potties (handicap & standard) for your comfort. Also, there is never, ever, any glass allowed in the park – too many bare kids’ feet to worry about. Citywide park restrictions also apply to alcoholic beverages and smoking. Please keep your dogs on a short leash so they don’t snack on other people or their food. We try to have plenty of trash containers around so that you can help us in keeping the park tidy.

Now turn the page for information on the bands in the concert line-up. And be sure to stop by the UHCDC booth to say thanks and to donate to next year’s Summer in the Park concerts.
Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra

JULY 8

What better way to kick off the 20th Anniversary of our five free concert series then to feature Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra on opening night. Sue & her group are one of a kind, and that is why we bring her back year after year to our Trolley Barn Park Concerts. Sue Palmer is the Queen of Boogie Woogie, and she reigns rightfully at our Summer in the Park event while seated in front of her keyboard. Anyone who has been to one of her shows, including our past concerts, knows that the fun starts when Sue and her irrepressible side-kick musicians turn up the power. That lineup includes lead singer Deejha Marie, her daughter Sharifah, trombone player April West, drummer Sharon Shufelt, guitarist Steve Wilcox, sax player Johnny Viau, bass player Pete Harrison, and, of course, Sue on keyboard and accordion. Nothing is as good as Sue and her band’s live performances to impel you to jump up to practice your swing and jitterbug moves. So be ready to do just that when you head to Sue’s concert on July 8th.

Sponsored by Ross Lopez & Mark Ballam and Toni Atkins, Assembly Speaker Emeritus

Len Rainey

JULY 15

Len Rainey’s Chicago upbringing has artistically melded Blues, Jazz, and Rock and Roll. Rainey’s authoritative voice and nimble bass work provide a strong foundation. Rainey possesses a genuine blues voice, soothing and rugged at the same time – his vocals are probably the core of this group’s sound. Nearly all of the San Diego clubs have hosted Len and his group many times. The band has opened for world class acts such as John Mayall, Chaka Khan, B.B. King, and many others. This is a serious group of musicians who always put on a show, packed with fun filled excitement, plus truly excellent musicianship. That is why we are having this group back for a sixth time. As a plus, Walt Gentry will be featured on his sax. Witness for yourself the talent displayed – the band’s original sound of blues is soulful with a groove that will make you want to get up and dance!

Sponsored by Mary Anne Stevens and H.G. Fenton Company

UHCDC – working continuously to better our neighborhood!
Theo and The Zydeco Patrol

Last appearance by Theo and The Zydeco Patrol at our summertime event was in 2013, so we felt it was time to bring this group back. Theo Bellow was born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana credited as being the birthplace of Cajun and Zydeco music. The thriving Cajun and Zydeco dance scene on Southern California and the West Coast are perfect partners with the style and musical influences of Theo and the Zydeco Patrol. With a sound straight from the backwoods Zydeco dance clubs, this group brings the best of Southwest Louisiana festival music to Southern California. Featuring the diatonic “Cajon style” button accordion, keyboard accordion, washboard and vocals in the Cajun French of Southwest Louisiana, Theo and the Zydeco Patrol concocts a fiery mix of the Cajun and Zydeco dance music to suit our audience. So, if you want to savor the bayou and the Southwest Cajun and Zydeco – www.zydecopatrol.com

Full Strength Funk Band

New to our concerts this summer is the Full Strength Funk Band featuring real funk and soul music played with authentic instrumentation such as a full horn section and percussion unit. The band brings some of the best music from the last 50 years to life with a high energy and professional live show. From James Brown and the Isley Brothers, to Earth Wind and Fire and Parliament Funkadelic, to Robin Thicke, Pharrell Williams, and Daft Funk if it has a funky soulful groove, it’s sure to get people dancing. Their band features a full horn section, male and female vocalists, and a grooving rhythm section. There is no better way to experience the Full Strength Funk Band than to see the band members in a live performance – so what are you waiting for – enjoy them in person on July 29th!

The OC British Invaders Band

Also new to our concert series is The OC British Invaders Band, which is a Tribute Band to the greatest music ever recorded in the 1960s. While dressing in 1960s Black Nehru Suits, they create the music that had America singing and dancing across the country in the 1960s. The five-member group consists of Mark Pytko – guitars; Doug Clemons – lead vocals, guitars, percussion; PK – bass, keyboards, vocals; Paul Apesestia – guitars, vocals; and Don Dutton – drums. The band covers the Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Who, The Animals, the Kinks, Hermans Hermits, Dave Clark Five, The Monkees and many more. The music has been painstakingly reproduced in the correct key on vintage instruments. If you love this music, this is the show for you. Come and relive and experience the excitement known as The OC British Invaders Band!

Join the Crowd At This Season’s Summer in the Park Concerts!

For more information about the University Heights Community Development Corporation, its organizations, activities, and the Summer in the Park entertainment line-up, please go to www.neighborhoodlink.com or visit www.uhcdc.org.

YES, I would like to become a sponsor of Summer in the Park!

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Summer in the Park All-Events Co-Sponsors

Queen Bee’s Art and Cultural Center Many thanks to Alma Rodriguez and her Queen Bee’s team for joining our concert series as a Co-Sponsor and Event Promoter. The Center is a multi-purpose venue centrally located in North Park. It hosts everything from concerts to dance classes, art shows, open mic nights, special events, private parties and much more. Queen Bee’s mission is to support local musicians and artists by opening its space to a wide variety of concerts and events. It donates 18% of its profits to helping homeless youth in San Diego through various charitable organizations. Queen Bee’s is located at 3925 Ohio Street, San Diego, 92104. Information: (619) 255-5147 or www.queenbeesd.com

Toni Atkins, Assembly Speaker Emeritus, one of San Diego’s political icons, is a new All-Events Co-Sponsor this year who will be present at our July 8th concert featuring Sue Palmer. Toni has been a constant presence in San Diego representing us for eight years as City Councilmember District 3, during which time she also stepped in as interim Mayor. Toni went on to become our State Assembly rep for the 7th District in 2010. Her colleagues elected her as the first Speaker from San Diego in 2014 – she held the post for two years. Now she is a candidate for the California State Senate. Once she became Speaker of the Assembly, she brought the celebration to San Diego in order to share it with her constituents, and wouldn’t you know, Sue Palmer was at the keyboard.

Mary Anne Stevens is a long time UH resident and booster in her role as a Co-Sponsor of the concerts for many years as well as providing free shuttles for the Arts Open/Taste of UH event each fall. Mary Anne supports our community with her time and money in many ways. She has served as president, vice-president and treasurer of the UHCA and still serves on its board. Mary Anne is a well known established realtor associated with Coldwell Banker, and you certainly don’t want to make a move without her expertise. You can reach her at (619) 871-1144 or maryanneshomes@gmail.com. Visit: www.maryanneshomes.com

Ross Lopez & Mark Ballam We appreciate that Mark J. Ballam and Ross Lopez are lending their support again as Co-Sponsors to this year’s concerts, as well with assistance in both set up and take down of concert events. Ross is a long time home and property owner in UH. He is an active UHDCD board member and Chair of the UH Historical Society. Mark serves as a managing director for the Center for Int’l Business Education / Research at SDSU. He is a native of Cape Cod, MA, and has lived in UH with his married partner, Ross Lopez, since 2005.

Roxanne Gouavi & Team of Pemberley Realty Roxanne started her career in real estate with Coldwell Banker in 2000. In 2008 she decided she wanted to be closer to where she lives. She founded Pemberley Realty in University Heights at 4637 Park Boulevard next to her family’s Soltan Banoo restaurant. Roxanne is an active member of the Between the Heights Community Organization; publishes a monthly e-newsletter; and hosts a monthly free breakfast for clients & friends. This year Roxanne is proud to again Co-sponsor the Summer in the Park concert series, and in so doing shows us that she and her team are “committed to excellence because we care.” Contact: (619) 778-0577 or www.pemberleyrealty.com

Park & Rec A second year return to our list of All-Events Co-Sponsors is the neighborhood food & entertainment venue “Park & Rec.” Located in the former Bourbon Street establishment at 4612 Park Boulevard and having undergone an expensive remodel, co-owners John Pan and Andy Zlotnik, are appealing to a broader demographic from the neighborhoods in which they are located. They do not cater to a specific age, but the experience they have been aiming for is one of a neighborhood place. Pan also owns Hotel Vyvant in Little Italy and Waypoint Public in North Park. From all indications Park & Rec has comfortably settled in UH and has become a part of our community. Call: (619) 795-9700

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H.G. Fenton Company We’ve again invited H.G. Fenton Company to join our concert series since they will shortly be starting construction on a mixed-use 165-apartment complex in the 2000 block of El Cajon Blvd. Family-owned H.G. Fenton Company, has proudly entered its second century of service, providing quality working/living experiences through responsible development and management practices in real estate – creating lifestyle opportunities for its employees, residents, 1,100 businesses, and across 14 apartment communities totaling over 3,300 homes in San Diego County. Visit: www.hgfenton.com

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San Diego Park & Recreation Department The San Diego City’s Park & Recreation Department works in partnership through the UH Recreation Council in providing oversight to the regulation of the Trolley Barn Park, UH Point Open Space, the Birney Joint Use Turf Field, the corner of Park Boulevard and Meade Avenue and the West Lewis Mini Park in Missions Hills.

UCSD Health is building the future of medicine in San Diego County. This year, UC San Diego Health celebrates 50 years of caring for the community with the opening of their new hospital, Jacobs Medical Center. Jacobs Medical Center will feature advanced surgery, cancer care, and women and infants services, including a midwife-staffed natural birth center. UC Health is invited to the community open house, on Saturday, September 24th. For info: health.ucsd.edu/jacobs

University Heights Recreation Council The UH Rec Council is an advisory committee to the San Diego Park & Recreation Dept. with specific jurisdiction over Trolley Barn Park, UH Point Open Space, Birney Joint Use Turf Playing Field, and West Lewis Mini Park in Mission Hills. It’s one of the few councils that has a charter from the City, having been established in 1996 through a grassroots effort by UH community members. UH Rec Council meets at the Birney Elementary library, first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. Our District Area Manager attends all meetings – community members welcome. Call: (619) 297-3166

San Diego County Special thanks to the San Diego County Enhancement Program/County Supervisor, Ren Roberts, for awarding funding to our concerts over the past 20 years – helping to make them an annual City and Countywide success.

Friends of ‘Summer in the Park’ The following individuals have donated to this year’s concerts and because of their strong support and appreciation, the UHDCD is hereby recognizing them as a community Co-Sponsor of the event: Terry Edlund, Jane Gilbert & Mary Jo Barr, Randi Dropkin & Phyllis Charlton.

Additional Summer in the Park Sponsors

Media Adams Avenue BIA, Hilquest.com, Pemberley Realty Monthly Newsletter, Queen Bee’s Art & Cultural Center, uhcdc.org, and special thanks to the UHCA blockwalkers who distribute 4,000+ concert flyers throughout University Heights in the UHCA News.


Exhibitors UHCA – Caps, T-shirts, Mugs and more; UHDCD – T-shirts, Tote Bags, Brochures, Led Flashlights; UHHS – Walking Tour Guides & Memberships.

Refreshments Mrs. Frostie – Ice Cream in a variety of flavors and toppings; sodas, cones and cups.

Contributors Ernie Bonn, and Lesley Cameron / CamGraph@cox.net

These people, groups, businesses and volunteers help to make the Annual Summer in the Park Concert Series the great success that it is!
Help Bring a Public Art Project to Roosevelt

The Friends of Roosevelt Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation, is currently fundraising to bring a meaningful and artistic mosaic mural to the Roosevelt International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle School campus. The project will be led by ARTS – A Reason To Create, a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation, to Roosevelt’s friends to design the mural and supervision of construction. Funds we raise will pay for tile and grout supplies, art instruction for students, and supervision of construction. Please help us with this great project by donating at https://www.gofundme.com/mariposamemorial.

Finally, a reminder that enrollment is still open for neighborhood families and that the 2016-17 school year will begin on August 29 before Labor Day. A new student orientation will be scheduled for incoming kindergarteners and new students close to the beginning of the school year; the exact date will be published on the Birney website later this summer. Have a wonderful summer and we’ll see you in September!
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The council at large was in June, with final neighborhood parks. The first reading to proposals concerning other San Diego Recreation Department along with similar proposal was presented by the Parks and Recreation Department, recommended that a 24-hour ban and curfew is slated to run from 10 pm to 6 am on November 1 – March 31. The unimproved right-of-way along Golden Gate Drive between New York Street and Rhode Island Street is not part of the curfew area.

Earlier this year, the UI Recreation Council, along with other community groups, recommended that a 24-hour alcohol ban and curfew be established for The Point open space area depicted below in response to resident complaints of frequent alcohol and drug use. The curfew is slated to run from 10 pm to 6 am on April 1 - October 30 and 8 pm to 6 am on November 1 - March 31.

Between the Covers:
What’s Happening at the University Heights Library
By Kim Schmidt, Librarian
Senior Mobile Tech Lab – Every first and third Tuesday 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
We have had such a great response to the Senior Mobile Tech Lab that our fantastic and dedicated tutors have generously agreed to double the number of classes available to our patrons! The Tech Lab, a service provided by the Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy, are now holding labs the first and third Tuesday of each month. Thank you Tech Lab tutors for the great service you provide! WE LOVE THE LAB!

If you are 60 years or older, join us for one-on-one tutoring in the use of your smartphone, tablet, laptop, electronic reader, etc. Tutors will be on hand with laptops for the public to use. Patrons are also encouraged to bring their own devices to examine how to send and receive email, surf the internet, use Facebook and other social networks and more. The program is free.

PLEASE NOTE! DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THIS PROGRAM, THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE CLASS MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE BY CALLING (619) 471-2713. THIS IS THE NUMBER FOR THE TUTORS, NOT THE LIBRARY.

Summer Reading Program Performances
Just a reminder that our Summer Reading Performances for children and families continue through August. Here is the schedule. All shows begin at 6 pm and last one hour.

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And that’s not all! Pick up a reading log at the library and record books that you read. For reading just 10 books, you will win a bag of free prizes. Keep reading! Each time you read 10 books (up to 50), you will win another chance at the GRAND PRIZE Raffle! This year, you will have a chance to win an iPad or an iPad mini! Come into the library and sign up today!

Meet Toni Atkins, California State Assembly Speaker Emeritus and Her Staff
The University Heights Library is honored to be chosen as one of the local venues for Public Office Hours for Assembly Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins and her staff. Atkins represents the 78th Assembly District. Please feel free to drop in, say hello, ask questions, and discuss your concerns. The “Office” is open to the public at 4 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Next session: July 6 at 4 pm.

BAN AND CURFEW FOR THE POINT MOVES FORWARD
By Janet Tait and Doug Wallingford
The San Diego City Council’s Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee voted on May 18 to send the proposal for an alcohol ban and curfew for The Point in University Heights (UH) to the full City Council for adoption. This proposal was presented by the Parks and Recreation Department along with similar proposals concerning other San Diego neighborhood parks. The first reading to the council at large was in June, with final adoption expected to take place in July or August.

University Heights Supports our LGBQ neighbors, friends, and business owners.
The July Book Club & Salon:
The Book Thief
By Markus Zusak

From start to finish, Markus Zusak tells a captivating story set in 1939 in Nazi Germany. The novel centers on young Liesel Meminger, a girl recently orphaned by the tragic loss of her family. After moving in with a new foster family, Liesel’s foster father teaches her to read a book she had stolen from her brother’s graveside. And so, when that book is finished, Liesel begins an infatuation with books that leads her on adventures, such as stealing books from book-burnings and houses. Liesel thereby earns her nickname “the book thief,” and her relationship with books and reading is what moves the story forward.

Everything changes when Liesel’s foster father has to hide a Jew in their basement because of something that happened years before. However, the novel gives a different perspective because it is not shown through the eyes of a Jew but merely a young girl confused by the nature of the times.

In this book Zusak has chosen none other than “Death” to narrate the story. The reader will enjoy the author’s writing as “Death” and appreciate how he interprets the character with dark humor and words of wisdom, interspersing Liesel’s story with asides about his endless journeys collecting souls of the dead.

Join the Book Club & Salon discussion on Wednesday, July 27, at 6:30 pm. The book is available at the University Heights Library’s front desk. New members are always welcome!

The August Book Club & Salon:
Notorious RBG
The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
By Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik

This is the year to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. When co-author Shana Knizhnik was in law school in summer 2013, she and several classmates decided to create a Tumblr blog dedicated to one of their inspirations: Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The “Notorious R.B.G.,” featuring memories of Justice Ginsburg as well as her words of wisdom, went viral. Two years later, Knizhnik teamed up with journalist Irin Carmon to write Notorious RBG, a book inspired by the blog. The duo researched and reported the book together, interviewing Justice Ginsburg, her family members, friends, and colleagues.

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Friends of the UH Library
SAVE TWO IMPORTANT DATES

BY PHILIP J. GILL

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS LIBRARY,

The August 20 book sale will run from 8 am to 3 pm, in the downstairs of the UH library building at 4193 Park Blvd. Entrance is from the alley behind the building. This book sale is our primary fundraising event for the Friends and the programs we support at our local branch library. In the recent past, the money we raised has purchased a new Children’s Literacy Computer, security doors, and other much-needed items for the our library. This year we are raising funds for our branch’s book purchasing fund. Our fundraising goal is $2,000. Monies raised will be matched by the City of San Diego through a matching funds program.

You can participate in three ways. First, you can donate used books you no longer need to our sale. Start stockpiling them now, and contact the Friends by phone or email at the beginning of July so we can arrange a pick up or drop off. We welcome all donations, but this year we have a special request for architecture and design books this year! I’ll explain a bit later on in this article why.

Second, you can help us prepare for the sale by sorting books and then signing up for sales duties the day of the sale. We’re always looking for help!

Third, you can show up August 20 and buy books! Lots of them!

Why do we want your architecture and design books? On Saturday, October 29, at 10 am we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the current UH Library building, considered an outstanding interpretation of mid-century modern architecture San Diego style! Our current proposed program that day will include a lecture and discussion of mid-century modern architecture in San Diego and a one-on-one chat with a noted San Diego modernist architect. We’re hoping to have a display of vintage household items, memorabilia, and cars to further demonstrate the mid-1960s style. The program is free to all comers and we will also be offering architecture and design books for sale upstairs in the library.

So save those dates! I look forward to seeing you all on August 20 and October 29! Philip J. Gill, president of the Friends of the University Heights Library, can be reached at philipjgill@gmail.com.

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Announce the Big Savings Book Sale

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SUMMERTIME FUN IN THE CITY

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

While San Diego’s natural climate offers opportunities to enjoy our world class parks, beaches, and shaping districts any time of the year, with summer in full swing, there is no shortage of things to do. We are so lucky to live in a city with many festivals and fairs and I encourage all of you to take advantage of the season to see what San Diego has to offer.

The concerts in the park series at Trolley Barn Park, Bird Park, and Pioneer Park are a highlight for our neighborhoods, and I am pleased to see another robust lineup of local acts set for this year. Several organizations and community groups also host movie in the park events. On Friday and Saturday nights through September, free family movies are shown at parks around the city, including at the North Park Recreation Center, Morley Field, Ward Canyon Community Park, and the USS Midway.

Summer in San Diego also brings a variety of street fairs and festivals in neighborhoods around the city, including the Adams Avenue Street Fair in September, recognized as the largest free two-day music festival in Southern California. Just over in South Park is the Summer Walk About on July 9, as well as Taste of South Park and the Tour de Fat Bike Parade, both in September. Summer is also a great time to visit District Three’s many lively farmers markets, including the Little Italy Mercado on Saturday mornings, the Hillcrest Farmers Market on Sundays, and the recently added Thursday Market in North Park.

In addition to all these wonderful events, warmer temperatures and extended day light hours present a wonderful time for outdoor activities, such picnics in the parks, hikes, and bike rides through our great neighborhoods. Of course along with warmer temperatures comes increased fire risk, so it is important we all stay aware and do our part. Additionally, I always remind residents that we are still in a drought, so we must all be mindful of our water usage, especially as the temperatures creep up. I hope that everyone will find much to do and have a fun and safe time in exploring the neighborhoods in lovely San Diego.

Councilmember Todd Gloria represents Third District on the City of San Diego City Council.

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from your councilmember

From your speaker

Our Parks Have Much to Offer this Summer

By Toni G. Atkins

Visitors from all around the world and locals alike know that San Diego is a great place to be at any time of the year. Still, even with the pleasant climate and blue skies we see almost every day, we welcome summer with open arms.

In fact, we know exactly how to celebrate the season - by filling the warm summer nights with great music and fun movies and the weekends with community festivals and block parties.

Free concerts have become a staple of San Diego summers. These events help connect local artists with the community, giving them an opportunity to showcase their talents and find new audiences. Summer concerts also bring people together.

My constituents have several long-running concert series they can enjoy, not just in University Heights, but also in Balboa Park and all along the coast too. All of the concerts are all-ages and free, making them an ideal option if you are looking for ways to spend a fun evening with family and friends.

We want to thank the University Heights community, especially in particular for doing such an amazing job with the “Summer in the Park” concert series at Trolley Barn Park - and happy anniversary! Here’s to 20 fabulous years of putting on concerts in the community!

A word of warning though – we need to be more careful in the summer too. As temperatures rise and the humidity drops, fire risks increase. In San Diego, we know how devastating wild fires can be, as we learned yet again in May 2014 when a series of blazes struck across the county.

As of June 8, according to Cal Fire, there have been more than 1,500 fires this year that have burned nearly 30,000 acres in our state. One of them, the Pala Fire, hit close to home.

To help homeowners prepare, Cal Fire has created an online guide called “Hardening Your Home,” with tips on how to better fire-proof everything at home, from roofs and eaves to fountains and garages.

The tips, which can be found at ReadyforWildfire.org, include:

• Replacing wood or shingle roofs with components made of metal or tile.
• Ensuring that porches and decks are made of or protected by materials that are ignition resistant or non-combustible.
• Keeping a fire extinguisher and tools to fight a blaze, such as shovels, rakes, and hoes, in the garage.

Sure, summer is the time to watch out for dangers like fires or riptides, but mostly it’s about enjoying longer days and even warmer nights. I’ll see you soon when one of my favorite local performers, Sue Petroni & Her Motel Swing Orchestra, opens up the concert season at the Trolley Barn Park! Until then, have a great and safe summer.

Speaker Emeritus Toni G. Atkins represents the 75th Assembly District.

Supervisor Todd Gloria represents Third District on the City of San Diego City Council.

From your supervisor

Summer Waterfront and Park Fun

Fabulous family activities complement Trolley Barn Park offerings

By Supervisor Ron Roberts

When not enjoying the wonderful summer at Trolley Barn Park, Encourage University Heights (UH) residents to consider the fine slate of activities being offered at the County Waterfront Park.

One of my favorite Waterfront Park summer activities is the free “Movies at the Park” series. This year’s season kicked off with “Aladdin,” which was a big success. As the series moves on, four more films will be shown on Friday nights at the park, including “Sandlot,” a wonderful baseball movie that screens July 8, right as Major League Baseball’s All Star Game activities are ramping up in our town.

Other free movies scheduled for the Waterfront Park are “Inside Out” on August 19, “Back to the Future” on September 2, and “Goosebumps” on October 28.

With dusk start times, all films are shown on large screens. Food trucks and child-friendly activities coordinated by Parks & Recreation specialists add to the festive environment. Countywide, we are showing this summer a record 122 family-friendly films at regional parks. A full calendar is at www.summermoviesinthepark.com.

Along with movies, the many upcoming organized Waterfront Park activities include Hullabaloo kids’ concerts (free) with booths on July 31, and August 28 and the Live Well 5K walk on the morning of July 7.

Of course the most popular summertime activity at the Waterfront Park is simply relaxing while the kids play in the kid-friendly fountains. Please consider yourself invited to join them and dip your toes in too.

Happy summer everyone! Enjoy yourselves. Enjoy the fresh air. Live well, San Diego.

Supervisor Ron Roberts, who is serving in 2016 as Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, represents University Heights as part of his Fourth Supervisorial District. Follow him on Facebook at Supervisor Ron Roberts, or on Twitter at @RonRobertsSD and at www.RonRoberts.com.
Friends of Trolley Barn Park

By Jill Briggs Campbell

Friends of Trolley Barn Park (FTP), UHCA’s newest community committee, is eager for your input! We invite all of our neighbors to take part in a very brief survey to assess the needs of our local park. You can find a link to the survey on the right, on our Facebook page (Friends of Trolley Barn Park), or fill out our paper copy at the next Concert in the Park event. It will only take a few minutes, but you can make a big contribution to the future direction of the Park! Coming attractions include a Movie in the TBP September 10. Look for more details in the next UHCA News, which will be out August 23.

Getting your input! Take the brief survey.

Congratulations
Toni Atkins, Todd Gloria, and Chris Ward
on their election victories!

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Reporting Graffiti in the City of San Diego

By David Surwilo

If you see graffiti vandalism in progress, call 911 and report it immediately to the San Diego Police Department (SDPD). Do not confront the vandals yourself. Although they may appear to be harmless, they may be carrying weapons. The police will respond based on the priority of the crime compared to others for which they have calls at the time.

If you see graffiti in your neighborhood on public or private property, report it immediately to the Graffiti Control Program through online reporting at http://apps.sandiego.gov/street/div/ or by calling the Graffiti Hotline at (619) 527-7500.

Calls to Street Division Customer Service are confidential. City crews remove graffiti from public property, usually within five days of receiving a report. City code compliance officers must notify private property owners of graffiti on their property and of their responsibility to remove it. Depending on the cooperation of property owners, it could take longer for graffiti to be removed from private properties.

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