UHCA ANNUAL RECYCLING EVENT

Participating companies include: EDCO parking lot, just north of Van Buren). at 4345 Campus Ave. (next to Birney on Saturday, May 18, from 8 am to 1 pm electronics recycling, and paper shred - make sure you join us for dumpster day, or the more mixed-use develop-
ment we want, the less room there will be for the 180,000 square feet of office space and 750 parking spaces the district needs. The district could build vertically on a smaller footprint, but it is no doubt hesitant to suggest such a thing, given the “fear of heights” and worries about “community character” such a suggestion might provoke.

Obviously, no one wants a tall, ugly office building at the gateway to our community. But would a tall, well-designed building, properly sited, that might even come to be recognized as an iconic landmark at the nexus of three communities and two major transit corridors be acceptable? Would a tall, well-designed, and properly sited residential building where you or your elderly parents could continue to live affordably in the neighborhood be a problem?

The philosopher William James said you can’t know what you truly believe until you are forced to act. This is such a situation. It is time to choose. Do we really want to make it more difficult for our teachers, our elders, our children, or our friends to continue to live with us in UH because we are afraid of shadows or traffic? In an age when we can see the possibility of hailing a driverless car, is parking really so important?

Nobody wants poorly designed development, tall or short. But can we accept density or height in perhaps the one place where it will work best? Do we have the courage to envision dramatic change for a now woeful site that once hosted stunning architecture, a site that has been the center of education in San Diego since before a single home was ever built in University Heights?

Something is indeed going to happen, so let’s get it right.

— William Smith, Member, Uptown Planning Committee, and Member, UHCA Board of Directors

SOMETHING’S GOING TO HAPPEN

That’s the message to University Heights residents from San Diego Unified School District Board member Richard Barerra, who is leading a process that will decide the future of the district’s Normal Street administrative center. In other words, it’s time to get real. The district has the need, the money, and the power to break ground as early as 2021.

On April 3, the first of a series of community visioning exercises took place at the Ed Center auditorium. Lee Dulgeroff, SDUSD Chief of Facilities Planning and Construction, asked the audience to suggest what should happen on the property. Top priorities included a park, restoration of historic buildings, high density mixed-use development, a library or community center, and a dog park. For the next round, the district will return with scenarios based on what might be possible physically and financially.

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EnviroGreen offers屈TerraCycle, a free recycling program funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers to collect and recycle hard-to-recycle waste such as corks, 3D printing materials, rigid plastic cups, alkaline batteries, aluminum cans, art supplies, athletic balls, etc. EnviroGreen has an IT and refurbishing department that will repair and upgrade any computer for a very reasonable price or refurbish it for resale.

This is also an incredible place to shop for restored electronics. In its showroom, the company offers consumers working computers or laptops starting at $80 and other cool retro electronics.

The company also partners with San Diego Urban Corps to provide computer repair/diagnosis classes to its members, and it employs four interns to provide job training while they work toward their high school diplomas.

Come hear about all the recycling options that may have never occurred to you!
EMERGENCY • POLICE • FIRE • MEDICAL
911

NON-EMERGENCY
Suspicious Activity, Homeless Outreach Team, etc...
Online: www.sandiego.gov/departments/Safety
619-577-7100

SD CITY SERVICES
non-emergency: street lights, pot holes, etc.
online: www.sandiego.gov/safety/departments
619-577-7600

SD CITY SERVICES緊急
Online: www.sandiego.gov/city-hall/departments
619-577-7600

Storm damage, fallen trees, flooding, crippled storm drains
Alert San Diego
 rushes 911 notification to mobile phones for emergencies
Preparing evaluations www.readyandsafe.org/alertsandiego/

2-1-1 San Diego
Free Community Resources, such as CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and Covered California
211 or 888-990-1211
800-456-7886

Abandoned Vehicles
Alice Birney Elementary Office
619-492-3500

Animals / Non-Emergency
619-767-2675

Brush and Weed Abatement
619-533-4441

Code Violations
619-236-5500

Crime Shoppers Tip Line
888-562-7195 (8477)

Downed Power Lines / SDG&E
800-411-7343

Emergency Water / Sewer Repair / Sink Holes
619-515-3525

Narcotics: suspicious drug house / anonymous
619-531-2468

Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP)
619-692-4945

Vacation home security check, wellness of home-bound, patrolling business districts, homeland security support

SDPD Community Relations Officers:
Councilman Shuree’s Office (858) 555-1234
619-236-4567

SDPD Western Division
5215 Gaines Street
4193 Park Blvd
619-692-4912
619-692-4900

Suicide Prevention—National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
For immediate confidential, suicide crisis counseling 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call toll-free, San Diego County Access & Crisis Line, 1-888-724-7240. Other resources: Lifeline Chat at suicidprevlifeline.org/chat;
800-273-7433 (8255). #BeThe1To at www.bethe1to.com; Website: up2sd.org; call local hotline at 888-724-7240

For live chat, 4-10 pm weekdays
UCSDC
University Heights Community Development Corp
619-297-3186

University Heights Public Library
4193 Park Blvd
619-692-4912
619-290-0689

UH Zone Watch Coordinator Nan McGraw
nnmc@cox.net

Graffiti Hotline: (858) 577-0530

COVID-19 Hotline
858-555-1234

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800-456-7886

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CAROL NEIDENBERG

Who doesn't like May? If there was a month popularity contest, May undoubtedly would be at the top of the list. For me, it conjures up many sweet memories, beginning, of course, with the days leading up to the end of the school year. You still can almost envision those lazy summer days at the beach and the smell of barbeques. And if you’re in college, well, you’re already at the finish line.

The month may have gotten its name from Maia, the Roman goddess of honor and reverence. It may have also referred to the goddess Maia; or be named after maiories, meaning elders. It’s appropriate that May is the month we honor our mothers (May 12 this year). It’s appropriate that May is the month named after maiores, meaning elders. For without your mother, you wouldn’t be today. Flowering plants are always appreciated for Mothers’ Day, so stop by Eden on Vermont Street Bridge for fire safe - Control. The goal is to find a place for electronics before they are doomed to lie in a scrapyard or broken down for the metals. Nothing collected goes to a scrapyard or broken down. Tenants also need to meet income requirements, but only for their portion of the rent. Income by all adults in the household can be aggregated to meet income requirements.

Although the new law is in effect, there is no civil penalty for housing providers who violate the municipal code until August 1, 2019. For more information or for assistance, please call (844) 449-3500 or visit www.lasd.org for upcoming trainings.

— Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.

NEW CITY OF SAN DIEGO SOURCE OF INCOME PROTECTION

The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Cal. Gov. Code §12955) prohibits discrimination based on source of income. However, its definition of source of income does not include Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and other rental assistance.

The San Diego City Council voted in 2018 to include vouchers and other rental subsidies and assistance in source of income protection for tenants. (S.D. Mun. Code §98.08). The new law, which went into effect October 18, 2018, protects prospective tenants and existing tenants.

The new law includes protection for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers; non-profit rental subsidies issued by organizations such as those assisting veterans, homeless, disabled, and/or elderly persons; and security deposit assistance programs.

Housing providers are no longer allowed to state a preference for tenants without a housing subsidy. Usually, housing providers will state “No Section 8” or “No Vouchers.” Housing providers will also be unable to opt out of accepting rental subsidies for existing tenants, which they were previously able to do with Section 8 vouchers.

Tenants with rental assistance still need to meet rental requirements, which means they must meet the housing provider’s requirements for credit score, rental history, references, and background checks. Tenants also need to meet income requirements, but only for their portion of the rent. Income by all adults in the household can be aggregated to meet income requirements.

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**Theft Prevention**

Know your serial number. Most bikes have a serial number. If your bike isn’t labeled with one, check with the store where it was purchased.

Fill out the paperwork. Most major lock manufacturers have an anti-theft guarantee that will reimburse you for the value of your stolen bike if you can prove the theft involved their correctly employed lock. The rules of these programs are precise and often require advance registration.

Leave identifying marks and take several pictures. Engrave your driver’s license number on the bike, but also leave your info in the seat tube. Bike thieves rarely look there and if the thief or future owner takes it to a bike shop, someone can find the note.

**Your Bike’s Missing, Now What?**

Check Craigslist and Facebook pages. Search the web, local garage sales, and swap meets for your bike. If you find it, arrange a time to meet the seller. Contact police for assistance but remember, the seller may be an innocent third person.

Notify bike shops. Send a flyer to local bike shops with as much identifying information as possible. Include make, model, color, serial number, parts you’ve swapped in, and your emergency contact info. Bike mechanics hate bike theft and will be happy to watch for your bike.

Tell everyone you know. Notify everyone you know that your bike’s been stolen. Use social media with a photo of your bike.

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**MAY 2019**

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

1. UHCC Meeting
   4452 Park Blvd. Suite 104, 6:30 pm

2. UH Rec Council Meeting
   Alice Birney Library, 5:30 pm

3. UHCA Meeting
   Alice Birney Auditorium, 6:45 pm

4. The Point Clean Up
   Golden Gate b/t San Francisco & Div.
   1:30 - 3:30 pm

5. June News articles due
   Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm

6. Uptown Planners Meeting
   Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm

7. Hillcrest Town Council
   Joyce Beers Center, Uptown Complex, 6 pm

8. Friends of the Library
   UH Branch Library, 6 pm

9. Board of Ed Meeting
   Eugene Brucker Auditorium, 5 pm

10. Preview Book Sale
    UH Library, 3 - 6 pm

11. Book Sale (open to the public)
    UH Library, 8 - 3 pm

12. UH Recycling Event
    9 am - 1 pm
    Movie in the Park
    Trolley Barn Park, 7:30 pm

13. Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm

14. Bag O’ Books sale (open to the public)
    UH Library, 12 noon-4pm

15. North Park Planning Committee
    North Park Christian Fellowship, 2601 North Park Way, 6:30 pm

16. Board of Ed Meeting
    Eugene Brucker Aud, 5 pm

17. June UHCA News Out
    UH Book Club & Salon
    UH Library, 6:30 pm

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Register your bike as stolen. List your stolen bike in the National Bike Registry. If your bike is recovered, police in any jurisdiction will notify you.

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SMALL BAR RETURNS

After a decade of slinging burgers and craft beer, Small Bar and Grill on Park Blvd temporarily closed its doors in February. The neighborhood dar-ling underwent a quick refresh of its interior and menu with the help of a newly expanded leadership team that now includes Trust Restaurant Group. Original chef/owner Karen Barnett is still very much involved with the team. Together with Trust Restaurant Group, she’s also working with Frank McGrath (a Small Bar partner) of Adams Avenue’s Polite Provisions who designed an innovative cocktail menu. The Park Blvd institution’s dark walls have been transformed with bright paint, a splash of color on the iconic arches, and stylis-lighting.

The updated menu boasts elevated bar food like fried cauliflower with chili aioli, fish tacos sprinkled with ancho salsa, and a 10-oz. ribeye and fries accompanied by a bourbon and roasted jalapeño butter. McGrath’s cocktail menu features playful drinks such as “Freaks refresher” combining cognac, jalapeño butter, and lemon. Punch bowl options to share include “a ghost on the dancefloor” with berry in-saligned rose, and lemon. The extensive craft beer list that kept original Small Bar patrons loyal still remains with 36 brews on tap.

Some menu favorites also made a comeback, such as the wings and nachos (although the veggie burger will be greatly missed). Events like Steak Night have returned, along with the much-loved jukebox. One can find a few other remnants from the old Small Bar, like the “on the air” sign above the bathroom.

Some regulars expressed dismay when they found Small Bar wasn’t quite the same after its remodel. In 2009, when Small Bar first opened its doors, President Obama had just been inaugurated, the iPhone 3 was the newest phone, and Netflix was still mailing out DVDs. When so much has changed in the past decade, should we expect a beloved neighborhood watering hole to stay ex-ac-tly the same? — Justine Hall

SMALL BAR AND GRILL
4628 Park Blvd #101B
(619) 795-7998
https://www.smallbarsd.com/

EATING OUT IN UH

A couple of new projects being built in our neighborhood are at the Northeast corner of Park Blvd and Monroe Ave, and the Southwest corner of Washington St and Lincoln Ave. According to documents filed with the City:

PROJECT #1
Address: 4505 Park Blvd.
(NE corner at Monroe Ave.)
Owner: Erickucci, Calavo Builders, Inc.
Title: Park & Monroe
Scope: Mixed Use
Floors: Four above ground, plus a basement level
Levels: Basement: Underground parking spaces: 10 residence tial, 2 commercial; alley access
1st Floor: Restaurant w/ patio on Park Blvd. side, plus 5 additional commercial parking spaces
2nd Floor: Three office space areas
3rd & 4th Floors: Five two-story apartments, w/ balconies; 1,245-1,495 sq. ft. each
Notes: Building to have a rounded corner at Park Blvd & Monroe Ave.

PROJECT #2
Address: 1445 Washington St.
(SW corner at Lincoln Ave.)
Owner: Michael Tucci, Washington Hillcrest LLC
Title: Washington Crossing
Scope: 35 Apartments
Floors: Five above ground (about 60 ft. tall)
Levels: 1st Floor: 30 parking spaces
2nd-5th Floors: 27 one-bed room apartment units: 574-698 sq. ft. each; 8 two-bedroom apartments: four 942 sq. ft. and four 1,034 sq. ft. each
Some have balconies.
Three (10% of total) affordable (very-low-income) units.
Other: Center courtyard, 420 sq. ft. Storage on 1st floor — Sol Schumacher

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

American Market
4395 Cleveland Ave.
296-8333
Bella Mexicana & Surfhood
1985 El Cajon Blvd.
562-0540
Bali Thai
4446 Park Blvd.
296-6243
Bistro (Big brown door)
4075 Park Blvd.
295-4100
Casa Baja
2123 Adams Ave.
296-6912
El Dorado
4840 Park Blvd.
610-1662
Flavors of East Africa
2332 El Cajon Blvd.
955-8777
Grazia
2201 Adams Ave.
296-3999
Grill Maple
1451 Washington St.
296-8298
Hope at Lafayette
2233 El Cajon Blvd.
781-0388
Hundred Proof
4130 Park Blvd.
501-6404
Kairau Brewing Company
4801 Park Blvd.
295-1355
Lotus’s Park
4496 Park Blvd.
501-6568
Living Was
1805 El Cajon Blvd.
468-9460
Maddox
4822 Park Blvd.
296-6996
Mamanti Bakery & Lebanon Deli
4327 Alabama St.
688-0717
Mishali Cafe
1735 Adams Ave.
296-9378
Mizatta Abyssinian Bistro
4851 Park Blvd.
540-7900
Myricas Mioha
2105 Mission Ave.
688-0898
The Original Pickle Store
4075 Park Blvd., #101-B
841-1188
Park Boulevard Deli
4504 Park Blvd.
295-1362
Park House Eatery
4574 Park Blvd.
295-7275
Pizzeria Bruno Napoleonico
4307 Park Blvd.
296-1311
Pizzeria Luigi
2121 El Cajon Blvd.
294-9417
Plumaria Vegetarian Cuisine
4861 Park Blvd.
299-9899
Pomegranate Restaurant
2313 El Cajon Blvd.
297-4007
Papaya Co.
4404 Park Blvd.
501-4440
Red Fox Steakhouse
2325 El Cajon Blvd.
297-1513
Red House Pizza
4815 Park Blvd.
540-7400
Small Bar
4626 Park Blvd.
795-7998
Sprintz Market & Deli
4175 Park Blvd.
291-8287
Stella Jean’s Ice Cream
4404 Park Blvd.
501-8262
Summer’s Marketplace
4002 Park Blvd.
296-0504
Twigg’s
4590 Park Blvd.
296-0816
Twisted Taps (beers & chews)
2303 El Cajon Blvd.
542-8507
Wing Stop
1805 El Cajon Blvd.
297-9464
Yipao Colombian Coffee
1728 Madison Ave.

Photos: David Harrison
**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS RECYCLING DAY**

SD UNIFIED ED CENTER • 4201 CAMPUS AVE • HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**SAT MAY 18 8 AM - 1 PM**

**Bulky Household Items**

EDCO will be accepting the following: Doors, chairs, sofas, water heaters and any other item that will not fit in your black trash container. **NO paint, chemicals, or hazardous waste.**

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Green waste includes grass clippings, brush, weeds, hedge trimmings, branches, leaves, palm fronds, untreated and unpainted wood. No dirt, rocks, asphalt, concrete, sand, demolition debris, etc. No treated or lead-based painted wood or lumber. **If in doubt, stop by and ask before bringing items. This event is for UH residents.** We cannot accept debris from contractors, landscapers or commercial businesses.

**Electronic Waste**

EnviroGreen Electronic Recycling Services will be accepting just about anything that plugs in: computers, laptops, monitors, CRTs, televisions, servers, routers, keyboards, hard drives, fax machines, telephones, cell phones, wire and cable, power supplies, circuit boards, video equipment, stereo equipment, credit card machines, printers, copiers, microwaves, vacuums, batteries, and light bulbs. **Fees and restrictions may apply for some e waste.**

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SAT MAY 18
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7:30 Showtime
Free Valet Bike Parking Bring a Blanket
A Space Alien
Walk the Red Carpet Games Free Raffle* Free Popcorn

Arrive on the red carpet in style! Wear a helmet & light colored reflective clothing
Use a bike light & plan your route
*Children that walk pets are automatically entered in our exclusive prize raffle!
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TEXAS STREET WIDENING

At its February 10 meeting, the Public Facilities Subcommittee of the North Park Planning Committee (NPFC) explored the impact of Mission Valley development on the University Heights and North Park communities. Widening Texas Street from Interstate 8 to El Cajon Boulevard was listed as a potential traffic mitigation, but this proposal has been rejected in the past. NPFC does not support eminent domain in the residential neighborhood along Texas Street and voted this down at the February meeting. The committee is considering requests for pedestrian and bike access improvements to the east side of Texas similar to those on the west side.

For more information: https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cps/missionvalley.

Randy Wilde, Member, North Park Planning Committee

TEXAS STREET ENHANCEMENT

I can't express enough my sincere appreciation for UHCA's shared concern regarding the discussion to widen Texas St. Until recently, I had no idea that the concept of widening Texas St was even being considered. I did review the Mission Valley Plan and to my surprise found no direct mention of the widening of Texas St. But it appears that there is a plan for a Disney-ish Ari-tram up Texas St, then potentially along Mission St. However, I did find the plan to widen Texas St. buried on page 426 of the Environmental Impact report for this project.

So my initial questions were: Is this plan still alive, and does the North Park Planning Committee have the authority to stop it? It does seem to make some sense to improve the northbound, east side of Texas between Madison and the I-8. Obviously, this widening plan would affect not only my residence directly (especially if eminent domain is used), but also our wonderful community. In my 18 years as a homeowner on Texas St., I have become aware of the increase in traffic congestion, as well as noise, pollution, and multiple car accidents on my street. The traffic situation on Texas St. has become quite congested the last few years because the Mission Valley corridor design needs drastic improvements. We neither want nor need a four-lane freeway through Zone 5 of our community in order to remedy the Mission Valley problem.

As we all know, Texas St. (or Texas Heights as I call it) is one of the gateways to not only University Heights, but also Uptown. I believe improvements such as updated pedestrian and bike access, trees, and landscape beautification would help with the overall traffic issues and improve Zone 5 of University Heights. Traffic circles instead of street lights and left-hand turns would decrease both traffic congestion and pollution from idling cars. I am concerned about the potential traffic mitigation sections like the Texas St Market, similar to the transformation of Mueller College into Kairoa Brewery.

My wife often jokingly calls the west side of University Heights, UI-Prop, and on our area UH-Improper. So again, I do appreciate the help and consideration for our section of University Heights. I would very much welcome further conversations about this topic. — Doug Storm

Editors' Note: UHCA has requested a traffic study of Texas Street from Madison Avenue to El Cajon Boulevard. We would like to see traffic calming, especially at the Madison Avenue southbound merge.

UH BEAUTIFICATION

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING

Spring has arrived, and most of us are well into spring cleaning in our houses and yards. The same is true for the UHCA Beautification Team. In the past month, team members removed campaign signs that had not been taken down from light poles after last November's election. Team member Rich Taylor, along with two community volunteers, cleared out the knee-high weeds along Park and Meade that had sprouted up after last winter's rains. Throughout the month, team members removed graffiti that had accumulated over the winter and provided volunteers to support the annual Tag Sale in Trolley Barn Park.

Much more is in the planning stages for the next two months before summer arrives: an annual spring cleanup in Trolley Barn Park, and the annual Rock and Roll Marathon cleanup at Washington and the 163 on ramp. And the team is discussing a mini-clean up along Texas Street to clear out the weeds that have grown over in the wet winter and to remove the trash that has accumulated since our last major cleanup of that site.

We will be sure to publicize all upcoming events. We welcome all volunteers to help keep our community clean and beautiful for all of its residents and visitors alike. — Rod Girein, UHCA Beautification Team Leader, crgrin@cox.net

Who's Behind Those Foster Grants?
None other than our own Paul Farris. Who's Behind Those Foster Grants? None other than our own Paul Farris. Some years ago, Paul's talent enabled him to move from St. Petersburg, Florida, to NYC's Parsons School of Design. From that point on, there was no stopping him. He moved to LA and worked for Saul Bass, the prestigious graphic and film title designer (think of Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho and Vertigo), where he developed identity, packaging, and branding systems for AT&T, United Airlines, Lawry's Foods, and the Library of Congress, among many others. Paul's creativity is extraordinary as is his willingness to pitch in and give back to this community.

We often say that no person is irreplaceable. Yet this is one person who would be hard to replace as his talent and generosity are unparalleled. We hope we never have to say goodbye to him but if we do, his image will certainly be carved into the Mt. Rushmore of University Heights or at least into our hearts.
THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The University Heights Library would like to thank everyone, especially our Friends of the University Heights Library for the great support during National Library Week last month. It is a great honor to hear the stories about why the library is important. Please continue to send your written stories, either on a standard index card or a sticky note to help grow the advocacy storyboard display.

Speaking of displays, the young students from Birney Elementary provided an artwork reflective of learning experiences about their very own community. Their creative piece is located in the children’s area. Please check this out during your next visit.

On Monday May 13, the library will host a CalFresh Workshop from 9:30 am to 12 pm for grocery assistance. Participants can apply and interview with Feeding San Diego for nutrition benefits (CalFresh), and, if approved, you can pick up your EBT card the same or the following day. You do not need an address or a phone number.

For questions, call (858) 863-6635. Feeding San Diego’s CalFresh (SNAP) workshops are a partnership with San Diego County’s Health and Human Services Agency.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

• Fantastic Forces by the Fleet Science Center. May 15, 4:30 pm. Learn about friction, forces, and the laws of motion in this fun and interactive program.

• Spring into STEAM’s Making Waves. May 29, 4:30 pm. Learn about the science behind marine plants.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

• Morning Story Time: Thursdays at 11 am

• Arts & Crafts: Saturdays all day

• Puppet Storytime with Caroline & Penelope: May 4 & 18 at 11:30 am

The library will be closed on Monday, May 27, in honor of Memorial Day. Please check our Facebook page, online calendar, or give us a call at 619-692-4912 for any further questions.

Thank you from everyone at the University Heights Library.

— Elaine Sinsauer, Branch Manager, University Heights Library, 619-692-4912, sandiego.library.org

Library Hours

Monday 9:30 am – 6 pm
Tuesday 9:30 am – 6 pm
Wednesday 9:30 am – 6 pm
Thursday 9:30 am – 6 pm
Friday 9:30 am – 6 pm
Saturday 9:30 am – 6 pm
Sunday Closed

PET OF THE MONTH

BRICKE

I’d always wanted a dog but was never allowed to have one. Finally in 2012 I was able to select and adopt Brickle, roughly 18 months old, from Labradors & Friends. She was housebroken but otherwise untrained—she didn’t even answer to her name! We soon learned we had a greyhound-retriever mix who wouldn’t retrieve and was afraid of water and stairs.

We renamed her for her coloring, like that old favorite, butter brickle ice cream. After extensive obedience, agility and swim training, she is an AKC Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog. We continue to practice some of her vocabulary of 50 commands every day.

When not playing, Brickle likes being bundled in her favorite orange blanket, since greyhounds get cold easily. She loves people, Fiesta Island, running with or after other animals, and playing with her best friend, neighbor-dog Devi. Brickle is also an unofficial mascot of our UH Library—Elisabeth Fidler & Martha Carey

THE FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY

PALACES FOR THE PEOPLE

I just finished reading Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life by Eric Klinenberg and found it to be yet another example of how large a contribution libraries make toward creating communities.

Klinenberg shows many examples of the services a library can provide that go beyond lending books: provide a comfortable, safe space for kids to do their homework instead of being on the street; create a welcoming environment for seniors to engage with other people instead of being isolated at home; and help parents connect to share advice on surviving the “terrible twos,” while their little ones enjoy Story Time, instead of feeling frustrated because they feel they don’t know how to raise happy children.

The library provides resources like books, movies, computers, and staff to help with research, but it also provides a community gathering place. Our library provides all that and more. From weekly kids’ programming to CalFresh workshops, to book clubs, the library is a resource for University Heights residents to learn, enjoy, and connect. So the next time you need a book to read or a movie to watch, want to find a play date for your kids, or need help applying for government services, stop by our library and join in our active community.

You can find out about programs going on at our library by following the University Heights Library on Facebook@universityheightslibrary. Hope to see you there soon! —Isabel Scheckler, Secretary, Friends of the University Heights Library

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UH BOOK CLUB & SALON

MY LIFE ON THE ROAD

BY GLORIA STEINEM

Gloria Steinem’s personal memoir is really a people’s memoir. It is a narrative of sharing stories of the places she’s seen and the people who aroused her awareness of the vast differences in America. Her surprising encounters as she traveled back and forth across the country provided tales, some happy, some sad, some inspiring. She says that her purpose in writing of her travels is to tempt the reader to go on the road to explore this country.

Steinem had an itinerant childhood. Every fall her father would pack the family into the car, and they would drive across the country in search of the next adventure. Therefore, it felt natural when she found herself spending much of her life on the road: as a journalist, organizer, activist, and speaker. Spanning an entire career, Steinem writes about her time on the campaign trail, from Bobby Kennedy to Hillary Clinton; her early exposure to social activism in India; the decades spent organizing movements in America; and her involvement in the founding of Ms. magazine. You don’t want to miss reading this inspiring memoir of one of the most admired feminist icons of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Join the Book Club & Salon discussion. New members are always welcome! The book will be available at the UH Library’s front desk during April and May.

UH BOOK CLUB & SALON

Wednesday May 29, at 6:30 pm
San Diego Public Library
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UH BOOK CLUB AND SALON

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THE OPIOID CRISIS

As your City Attorney, it’s my job to protect San Diego and its residents. I do that in many ways, including defending the City from frivolous lawsuits, prosecuting people who damage your quality of life, supporting survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking, and advising City officials on how to follow the law. I’m also committed to protecting San Diegans from opioid addiction. Opioid addiction kills tens of thousands of Americans and destroys countless lives every year. This national health crisis has its roots in deception, manipulation, and greed. Opioid manufacturers used dishonest tactics to manipulate doctors into overprescribing their drugs. They got rich; America got sick.

That’s why my office sued Purdue Pharma, the Sackler family, and other opioid manufacturers and distributors who created the opioid health crisis. Our city joins hundreds of cities, counties, and states in seeking justice for our citizens.

Opioids were falsely marketed to doctors as safe and non-addictive. Yet one-fifth of patients prescribed opioids for pain still take them, or a black-market substitute. Labs that cook synthetic substitutes are booming. And the national death toll easily exceeds 100,000. In 2017, a record 273 San Diegans overdosed on opioids. Our first responders (police, fire-rescue, and ambulance) are overburdened with emergency calls related to opioid use and overdose, all at taxpayer expense. Our lawsuit will recover those costs and compel the opioid manufacturers to fund drug treatment and education programs to help our addicted population and prevent it from growing. — San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott

Editors Note: This update from San Diego City Attorney Mara Elliott is a new feature that will appear periodically in the UHCA News.

THE OPIOID CRISIS

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SCHOOL NEWS

ROO NEWS

WHAT’S THE COST OF THE SHIRT ON YOUR BACK?

Have you ever wondered how much your shirt actually costs? That’s what sixth graders at Roosevelt International Middle School are exploring in their International Baccalaureate (IB) interdisciplinary unit, “The Cost of the Shirt on my Back.” This project gets students thinking about how an everyday product like a shirt is made, distributed, and consumed as our society becomes increasingly more global.

Students analyze documentaries, non-fiction texts, realistic fiction, and other research materials to understand their role in globalization and the positive impact they can make through consumer choices. The final creation is an informational article that combines research and insights to illuminate a student’s understanding of a consumer product. “This IB unit enables students to investigate the lives of their peers around the world, recognize their role as consumers, and gain a higher appreciation of their own lives,” says Celestina Kuncz, Individuals & Societies teacher.

For six to eight weeks, teachers like Ms. Kuncz use these special projects to introduce the IB philosophy of learning. This current unit of study focuses on international-mindedness and asks students to think globally about economic, social, and political issues, to utilize skills from multiple classes in their research, and to create meaning for themselves.

At the end of the unit, students will reflect on their learning experience. “Like that students are consistently reflecting on their work, that it’s standards-based and that students learn through an international lens,” says Katie Redman, Language & Literature teacher.

Roosevelt teachers from different disciplines collaborate frequently to bring these interdisciplinary, project-based units of study to life and make IB learning experiences more meaningful and exciting. The hallmark of an IB education is to help students become more creative, critical, and reflective thinkers. — Jennifer Ayala, Parent of students at Roosevelt and Birney and a Board Member of the Friends of Roose- velt Foundation
You’ve seen them around: The clever wooden houses made by Andrew and Ludy (their business is Tools and Tat- too); or the chic Project #2 (Chanel #5) dispenser boxes; or the regular, off-the-shelf doggie waste bag dispensers. UHCA has been collecting newspaper delivery bags to refill these dispensers and will continue to do so. But we need your help to map all dispenser locations in the neighborhood and to recruit volunteers to keep them filled.

You can participate in UHCA’s Project Poo by completing one or all of the following simple actions:

- Contact us with the location of a dispenser near you.
- Contact us if you are willing to be responsible for maintaining one or multiple dispensers in your area (we can provide bags based on regular donations).
- Contact us if you have a recommendation to add a dispenser in an underserved location.

Contact Monica Lanctot (puckinplay@hotmail.com), to provide info or learn more about Project Poo. — Nan McGraw & Monica Lanctot

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New on the Market!

Open House
Sun, May 5
1-4PM!

4568 New York St.  $1,150,000
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths  1,709 Sq Ft

A charming Spanish home that has been meticulously remodeled with great attention to detail. Spacious kitchen/breakfast room with cooking island opening to dining room, grand living room with picture window and rebuilt fireplace. Classy and spacious hall bath. Master retreat with a luxurious en-suite bath that has double vanities, 2 custom balconies and spacious walk-in shower. Enjoy the deck and backyard with 6 organic garden plantings plus many fruit trees, vines, and roses. This environment-friendly home also includes a solar system, whole house water filtration, grey water irrigation, a 1,800 gallon rainwater cistern storage and beautiful drought tolerant landscape. Plus a 2 car detached garage with a workshop. Prime University Heights West end location on a cul-de-sac.

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