RESTROOMS IN TROLLEY BARN PARK

At the Coffee With Chris Ward event, held recently at the UH Library, the controversial issue of whether to install bathrooms in the Trolley Barn Park arose. UHCA wants to hear your opinion on that subject, whether pro or con. UHCA News would like to provide a front-page forum for both sides of this discussion in our December issue. If you are interested, please submit a succinct letter setting forth the reasons you believe restrooms should or should not be installed in TBP. We will publish the best pro and con letters (or a combination of letters if we get multiple submissions) in the December paper. The purpose of this solicitation is to educate UH residents about this issue before we request your participation in a carefully crafted survey in a future issue of the News. The results of the survey will then be sent to Councilmember Chris Ward’s office to provide guidance on this issue. Our thanks go to Tyler Renner, aide to Councilmember Chris Ward, for helping us in this endeavor.

The UH community has voiced unanimous support for a new education center for the Board of Education at the Normal Street site of the San Diego Unified School District. However, if the Board decides to move elsewhere, is this site congruent with the best pro and con letters (or a combination of letters if we get multiple submissions) in the December paper. The deadline for letter submission is November 5. Send your letter with your name to Nan McGraw at nmcsan@aol.com by November 5.

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We look forward to your reopening in the spring.

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COMING UP:

THE UPCOMING UHCA MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
ALICE BIRNEY ELEMENTARY AUDITORIUM / 4345 CAMPUS AVENUE 6:45 pm CRIME WATCH, 7:00 pm MEETING

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DESSERT POTLUCK
Bring a dessert to share with your neighbors and celebrate the season.

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It's the time of year again when we typically pause to thank our family, friends, and perhaps a higher power. We are fortunate to live in San Diego with almost perfect weather, a beautiful ocean and beaches, and mostly an easy way of living.

But not all have it easy. Last month, I wrote about the homeless and those who cannot afford housing. When I first moved to University Heights, it was considered an undesirable community. Fast forward to today when individuals and families with young children would love to live here if they could only find a place to reasonably rent or buy. There are many others who cannot afford to live close by and therefore commute here to their jobs, whether at the Ed Center, Sprouts, the Lafayette, or one of the other nearby businesses.

As we know, there is simply not enough affordable housing in San Diego, and that is why I support the development of the Ed Center into housing for teachers and Board of Ed support staff. This is also a unique opportunity to develop the property into a world class educational center. Our elected officials must put children before financial gains.

We asked those decision makers to help put University Heights again on the map, as was done in the 1880s when the neighborhood was mapped out for a future university. Though USC never opened a satellite campus in UH, the Normal School for Teachers, Horace Mann High School, and the Educational Center were built. This property needs to remain an educational center. Voter-approved bond money must be used to renovate Bincary School and to redevelop the eleven-acre Ed Center property into a go-to community hub with aesthetically pleasing, educationally focused, and publicly accessible buildings surrounded by green spaces.

Let the Ed Center property continue its rich 130-year history instead of just putting up a plaque stating what used to be here. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do it right, and for that, we are all thankful.

UHCA welcomed about 50 attendees to its October 3rd meeting, which opened with announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events:
- Caroling in the Heights Dec. 14 with three stops: Vermont St. Bridge, The Fort, and Mystic Mocha
- Lights in the Heights: Judging Monday, Dec. 16 through Thursday, Dec. 19
- Annual Dessert Potluck at our Dec. meeting on Dec. 5, 2019

Blockwalkers: UHCA News is distributed ten times a year to 5000 homes and businesses in UH by 65 block walkers. But we need more blockwalkers to completely cover our neighborhood. Contact Nan McGraw if you want to join this worthwhile endeavor.

UIH Library: Next Friends meeting is Nov. 12th (second Tuesday of the month) at 6 pm at the UIH branch library. Everyone is welcome.

Reports From Reps Of Elected Officials:
- Chevelle Newell-Tate: New district representative from State Senator & President Pro Tem Toni Atkins’ office.
- Has worked with Atkins for five years.
- She covers policy areas: affordable housing, homelessness, and education.
- Distributed a newsletter and will attend our meetings whenever she can.

Tyler Renner:
- Councilmember Chris Ward’s office.
- Fortcoming study regarding restrooms at Trolley Barn Park.
- No plans for dog park on School Board property; would require cooperation with City.
- Oct. 17 craft beer meeting, and Oct. 19 meeting for coffee.

Speaker: Richard Barrera: Ed Center Update:
- School Board held third “visioning” meeting for the Ed Center property on Sept 25.

• The school administration building is obsolete and will be replaced.
• Ownership of the property will remain with SDUSD.
• Bond measure passed in Nov. 2019 provides for funding a new administration building, either at the present Ed Center property or elsewhere. (Birney will remain at its present location.)
• School Board will decide to stay or go within about six weeks, after which another visioning meeting will be held.
• The community supports the following:
  - Keeping the School Board administrative center in UH;
  - An Educational Village on the property;
  - Preservation of Teachers’ Annex #1 and Annex #2;
  - A training center for new and existing teachers;
  - Affordable housing limited to teachers and SDUSD employees;
  - Ample open space; and
  - A dog park which would require City support.
• Questions remain re level of housing density and building heights, as well as appropriate balance between green space and density.
• Intent is to place the greatest density along Park Blvd. and Normal St.
• Latest design concepts are at fcpprojects.sandi.net (click on Eugene Brucker Ed Center), but expect the plans to change over time.
• A question and answer period concluded the presentation.
• The last question was asked by Nan McGraw, who said she trusted Barrera but not the money people who she thinks would sacrifice that beautiful piece of property for the bottom line, more money by loading the property with hundreds of apartments and condos. She received an ovation for that question.

Adjourment at 8:20 pm Next UHCA meeting: Thursday, Nov. 7 Open Forum on UH Issues—Peter Rose, UHCA Secretary

You've all heard the expression, “It takes a village.” University Heights, with its team of 65 Blockwalkers, is indeed an incredible and visible village of volunteers! But behind the scenes, it also takes a logistical team. The UHCA NEWS TEAM supports the 65 Blockwalkers who distribute the UHCA News 10 times a year.

This is how the process works: Every month except January and August, Stuart McGraw drives to Vista to pick up 5000 newspapers from the printer. When he returns, Stuart, Ron Oliver, and Brent Orlesky count out the number of newspapers each Blockwalker needs for his or her route. The newspapers are then bundled and delivered to the individual houses of the Blockwalkers by John and Jean Earl, Ron Widmer, Ron Oliver, Brent Orlesky, and Stuart McGraw.

Nan McGraw organizes the Blockwalkers and appeals for additional ones when necessary (see our current list of needs on the front page of this newspaper). Thanks to all who make this process work: all of our Blockwalkers and the team of Nan McGraw, who said she trusted Barrera but not the money people who she thinks would sacrifice that beautiful piece of property for the bottom line, more money by loading the property with hundreds of apartments and condos. She received an ovation for that question.
Will what get done? Here’s the short story. Adams Avenue terminates at the western end as a dead-end with a guardrail on the canyon adjacent to Mission Cliff Drive. In May of 2015, the guardrail was taken out by a stolen car fleeing the police. The guardrail was then reinstalled, anchored in soil only and not concrete. On May 2, 2016, the city’s Development Services Department acknowledged erosion at this location by posting a notice announcing a decision pending regarding repair of the storm drain. A year later, in May 2017, a “Get It Done” report was submitted, requesting the status of this decision. The report was referred to Development Services. At the same time, a second “Get It Done” report was submitted to repair the guardrail, which was failing because of erosion. The guardrail was then repaired, but with the posts set only in soil once again. After last year’s rains, the soil around the guardrail has eroded further and is in danger of falling into the canyon.

Multiple “Get it done” reports have been submitted by my neighbors and me regarding the guardrail failure and soil erosion. This is a neighborhood safety issue, and the city should fix it. Ineffective installation of the guardrail endangers the guardrail itself, the street, residential housing, and numerous visitors who stop to admire the view. The erosion has worsened and further endangers the street and the guardrail again. The status of the city’s reports vary from “Referred” to “In Process.” If this issue is important to you, please contact your city representatives. Until action gets taken, the question remains: “Will it get done?” – Paul Heisel

Post Hanging In Air & Cracked Pipe
Unsupported Posts-Safety Hazard

Will it get done?

WILL IT GET DONE?

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3 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm
Daylight Savings Time Ends

4 December News articles due
Upton Planners Meeting
Joyce Beers Center, Upton Complex, 6 pm
Board of Ed Meeting
Engage Bracker Auditorium, 4150 Normal St., 3 pm
(Charters Schools)

5 UCSD Meeting
4435 Park Blvd., Suite 104, 6:30 pm

6 UH Rec Advisory Group Meeting
Alice Birney Auditorium, 5:30 pm
UNCA Meeting
Alice Birney Auditorium, 6-8 pm

November 2019

7 UH Clean Up
Tinley Barn Park
9-11 am

8 The Point Clean Up
Editions Print Shop & Out, 1-3:30-5:30 pm

9

10 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm
UH Arts Open/Taste
12 pm - 4 pm

11 Hillcrest Town Council
Joyce Beers Center, Upton Complex, 6 pm
Friends of the Library
UH Chapter, UH Branch Library, 6:30 pm

12 Beautification Team Meeting
Hope Lounge at the Lafayette Hotel, 6:30 pm

13 Beardslee Recycling & Yard Waste Collection
14

15 Preview Book Sale
(Friends members only)
UH Library, 3 - 6 pm

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

17 Hillcrest Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm
Bag O’ Books sale
(UH Library, 12 noon-4 pm)

18 Board of Ed Meeting
Engage Bracker Auditorium, 4150 Normal St., 4:15 pm
State of the District Address
North Park Planning Commission
North Park Christian Fellowship
2501 North Park Way, 8:30 pm

19 UH Library Task Force Meeting
UH Library, 6:30 pm

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The problem: Rampant flies from garbage bins in alleys. The solution: Design a seal into the lid, as the SD City trash bins have.

Many of us who live in UH areas where apartment buildings prevail have a huge problem with flies. We have come to realize that the main cause is inadequacies in the commercial trash bins provided by the landlords.

San Diego City trash bins have a lip or seal built into the lid, which prevents flies from getting in and out when lids are closed. In contrast, commercial bins usually have a 1/8 inch to a ½ inch gap between the lid and the bin, which is larger toward the hinges along the back side. Check out the city bins and compare them to the large commercial bins, and you will see the difference.

EDCO and Republic trash services should be required to equip their commercial bins with lids similar to city bins, especially considering that “tight-fitting lids” is the #1 suggestion for fly prevention on the SD County Vector Control website!

Also, apartment complexes with bins in the alley should be required to keep their bins locked so that people who scour the alleys for recyclables cannot rummage and leave the bins open. But the main problem remains: the lids must close tightly. Tyler Renner said he had worked with EDCO and Republic on this issue. —Linda Hardesty

[Note: Tyler Renner, aide to Councilmember Chris Ward, has slope. It may also result in recom-
If you're looking for a bright spot amid today's constant stream of negative news, look no further than Tacos Libertad, where you can nosh on hand-made tacos and feel good doing so. At this University Ave. taco shop, all proceeds are donated to a different local charity each month.

Founded in 2017 by Lesley and David Cohn of the Cohn Restaurant Group, Tacos Libertad is a not-for-profit taco shop. With a slew of successful restaurants under their belt, why would the group start a nonprofit taco shop, especially when they already give to over 300 nonprofits each year? For the sole purpose of giving back.

The Cohns wanted to recognize the city of San Diego and the community they serve by donating 100 percent of the profits from Tacos Libertad to local charities. “We chose a taco concept because we wanted a restaurant accessible to all,” says Lesley Cohn. “Tacos are fairly inexpensive, which allows guests of all means to help make a difference. They simply dine out for their favorite charity and eat tacos for the nonprofit of the month.”

An advisory committee composed of five community members selects the charitable organization recipient each month. In its first two years, Tacos Libertad sold 202,024 tacos, and has donated its profits to more than two dozen local charities. These include many familiar names, such as Feeding San Diego, Ray’s Children’s Hospital, and the Alpha Project, as well as a few lesser known groups, such as the League of Extraordinary Scientists and Engineers, who provide dynamic, hands-on science instruction directly to children and science lesson plans to teachers.

Chef Martín Juarez, who has been with Tacos Libertad since opening day, has come up with creative tacos for every taste, according to Cohn. “We do occasionally update the menu. In fact, we just debuted some new items,” she adds. “First and foremost, we aim to be as operationally streamlined and price-conscious as possible, especially when it comes to special menu items. This allows us to maximize the amount we can donate to our charity partners each month.”

While waiting for your tacos—and feel good about how you’re spending your money—you can start off with chips and guac (at $7, the most expensive menu item), along with some excellent people watching along University Avenue from indoor and outdoor seating options. Tacos Libertad also offers an international beer list, including brews from Chile, Peru, and matching, and all the flavors complement one another. For instance, you can do a portobello mushroom taco with Hongos portobello, Oaxaca cheese, roasted jalapeno, and cilantro pesto, along with the grilled fish taco that includes achote marinated tilapia, avocado, portobello mushroom, poblano serrano crema, fried leeks, radish, cilantro, and lime.

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Given that Tacos Libertad sits along the bustling University Ave., they cater not only to dinner and lunch crowds, but also to late night eaters. Whether you find yourself craving a late-night snack or are simply in need of some positive news, Tacos Libertad has you covered. Their doors are open until 2:30 am Wednesday through Saturday nights. –Justine Hall

PET OF THE MONTH

HENRY

Hi, my name is Henry Winston Diego III—but my friends just call me Henry! I’m a Yorkshire Terrier, born in Michigan on November 28, 2015. My mom and dad brought me home in February 2016 when the snow on the grass was taller than me. A few months later, as the weather was getting warmer, I took my first ride on an airplane to Seattle, Washington.

Seattle was my new home where we would stay for nearly three years. This is where I learned to go on long walks, played fetch off leash in the park, and started one of my favorite pastimes: stopping to smell the flowers. I met a lot of dogs and human friends in my community when I went for walks. One of my least favorite things in Seattle was the rain. It didn’t matter how many different raincoats my parents bought me, being in the rain never became any fun.

When they brought me to San Diego to find our new home, I quickly fell in love with the warm weather and sunny skies.
PUMPKIN SPICE
CHIFFON MOUSSE CAKE

This is a lighter textured alter-
native to pumpkin pie, and it can be
made a day ahead since it needs to set up in the fridge. Adapted from a King Arthur Flour gingersnap recipe and a Gourmet magazine pumpkin chiffon recipe, it’s not the sort of dessert most people would want to make if they’re cooking an entire holiday meal on their own. But if you’re the “dessert person,” you might want to give this impressive-looking cloud of pumpkin spice goodness a try.

Gingerbread Base:
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ginger
- 3/4 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup currants
- 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/4 cup water

Make the gingerbread base:
1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly
butter a 9 ½-inch springform pan.
2. Whisk together the flour, spices,
salt, baking soda, and baking powder.
Set aside.
3. In a separate bowl, beat together the
butter and sugar until fluffy. Then
add the egg and beat well. Stir in the molasses until thoroughly
combined.
4. Add the dry ingredients alternately with the water, stirring
occasionally for about 15 minutes.

Pineapple Chiffon Layer:
- 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons each of bourbon and
room temp water (or 1/4 cup water, if
you prefer to avoid the alcohol)
- 6 large eggs, separated
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup melted butter

Make the pineapple chiffon mousse:
1. Sprinkle the gelatin over the 2
tablespoons each of bourbon and
water (or 1/4 cup water alone) in a small
bowl and let the gelatin soften.
2. Beat together the yolks and brown sugar
with an electric mixer at high speed
2 minutes. Set aside.
3. Place the egg whites in a large clean bowl (metal, if possible)
and beat in the sugar, molasses, and cream until the mixture
tricks the beaters, folding in the meringue gently but
thoroughly, until stiff glossy peaks form.
4. Beat egg whites with clean beaters until
stiff peaks form; then fold into the chiffon mousse gently
but thoroughly.
5. Beat cream in another bowl with
clean beaters until it just holds stiff
peaks; then fold into the chiffon mousse gently
but thoroughly.

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6. Pour the pumpkin chiffon carefully
over the gingerbread base in the
springform pan. Smooth the top, and
chill, uncovered, for 1 hour. Then
cover and chill until set, at least 3
hours or overnight, before removing
from the springform pan and serving.

Note: It is best to keep this dessert
refrigerated until serving. If the
mousse cake might sit out for more
than an hour, it is recommended that
you freeze it for at least 30 minutes
before slicing and serving.

Judith A.
ROO NEWS
MOPA DREAMSCAPES
EXHIBITION FEATURES RMS STUDENTS

Since 2006, the Museum of Photographic Arts (MOPA) in Balboa Park has held an annual juried exhibition showcasing the photographic talents of local youth. Students submit work that responds visually to a particular theme; last year’s theme was Dreamscapes. MOPA unveiled the Dreamscapes 14th Annual Youth Exhibition in early October, and RooFriends is proud to announce four Roosevelt Middle School (RMS) students, all in Grade 7, whose photographs were selected for their creativity and artistic interpretation of the theme: Adelin Chance, David Crane, Chloe Glidewell, and Eve Hudson.

Adelin, David, Chloe, and Eve all participated in the most popular After School Enrichment club at RMS by far, Photography. With the Museum of Photographic Arts. This twelve-week program is generously funded, organized, and taught by MOPA and includes a visit to the museum. Students explore image-making with MOPA staff, experiment with various photographic techniques, and learn to express their ideas visually. MOPA even provides each student with a camera. Students who participate in the club are encouraged to submit their work for MOPA’s annual Youth Exhibition, and RMS is very proud to have these four students’ work selected this year. Eve Hudson, whose photograph is titled “Crushing Reality,” enjoyed the combination of technical and artistic content in the club, noting how “It allowed you to learn about a variety of photography techniques while still being an enjoyable creative outlet.” Adelin Chance adds, “It was really exciting to have my own camera to play with and discover the wonders of photography.”

Megan Swiertz, MOPA’s Youth Program Coordinator, encourages everyone to come see the Dreamscapes exhibition before it closes on March 1, 2020: “The exhibition, open to the public, is now up at MOPA until the end of February. MOPA is a donation-based museum, which means you can donate any amount of money to enter the museum.” Visit MOPA’s website for more information. https://mopa.org/exhibitions/dreamscapes-youth-exhibition/

Next year’s theme is Growing Up, and all of the students in Photography with MOPA at RMS this year will be submitting photos based on that theme for next year’s public exhibition. Congratulations again to Adelin, Chloe, David, and Eve. RooFriends thanks the Museum of Photographic Arts for their continuing sponsorship of this popular enrichment program for our students. To enjoy programs like these, families should consider enrolling their children in our neighborhood school, where RMS students engage in a rigorous, world-class IB learning experience that emphasizes both strong academics and strong character. The IB program is made possible by dedicated teachers and staff and funded by the non-profit Friends of Roosevelt Foundation, where parents, guardians, and community volunteers raise funds to fill the gaps left by inadequate public funding and provide the resources needed for our students to receive the best possible educational experience.

Visit friendsroosevelt.org/contribute to learn more about Roosevelt International Middle School

--Erin MacKinnon
Katharine Smyth was a student at Oxford when she first read Virginia Woolf’s modernist novel *To the Lighthouse*. Smyth, an editor at *Paris Review*, later returned to the novel after her father’s death as a way of dealing with her grief and to understand her own experiences of love and family attachment. An only child born to two Boston architects, Smyth idolized her father, who was charming, affectionate, and self-destructive. When the author was 11, her father was diagnosed with 46 with cancer, and the family suffered through 14 years of his lingering illness. Examining her parents’ marriage, Smyth turned to Woolf’s reflections on the institution, specifically in the relationship between Woolf and her husband, Leonard. Combining memoir, literary criticism, and biography, Smyth provides a new vision of Woolf’s most demanding and rewarding novel.

This is an opportune time for our book club members to read Virginia Woolf’s *To the Lighthouse*, a moving examination of the complex tensions and allegiances of family life and the conflict between men and women in a changing society. The book centers on the dynamics within a family during a vacation and illustrates the unusual internal shifts in the author’s writing and narration when published in 1927.

Attend the Book Club & Salon discussion on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, one day earlier than the usual date because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The two books will be available at the UH Library’s front desk during November. New members are always welcome!

**UH BOOK CLUB & SALON**

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm
University Heights Branch Library
4193 Park Boulevard
(at Howard Avenue) 619 692 4912

**THE UH BRANCH LIBRARY**

**BETWEEN THE COVERS**

The University Heights Library wants to be sure everyone knows about some key resources we have available. First, we have added more events for those who need assistance with homelessness, mental health, and groceries. Two organizations will be on site to provide Homeless Outreach Services:

- CalFresh Workshop: Nov. 18, 9:30 am to 12 noon. Apply for nutrition benefits (CalFresh) with Feeding San Diego.
- Homeless Outreach Services: Fridays, Nov. 8 and 22, from 1 to 4 pm with North Central Mental Health Center (NC-MHC).
- Mental Health & Homeless Outreach: Mondays from 10 am to 12 noon. NAMI’s Connection 2 Community will be on site to provide resources and information.
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Also check out some of our upcoming community events and programs listed below.

**FEATURED PROGRAMS:**
- Silhouette Studio. Nov. 7, 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Blend technology with arts and crafts with the use of Silhouette Studio and the Cameo 3 Cutter. Open to ages 12 and up.
- Che-Mystery With Mad Science. A family program, Nov. 13, 4:30 pm. Explore the basics of chemistry. Make a crystal garden and create an amazing substance that has the properties of both a liquid and a solid.
- Arts & Crafts for Adults With Ms. Fran. Nov. 20, 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Open to ages 16 and up.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:**
- Morning Story Time: Thursdays at 11 am.
- Arts & Crafts: Saturdays all day.
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As a reminder, the library will be closed on Monday, November 11, for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 28, for Thanksgiving Day. Please check our Facebook page and our 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 Sinsuan, Branch Manager, University Heights Library, 619-692-4912, sandiego.gov.
Sunday, November 10

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www.uhcdc.org | www.uharts.org
HAPPY NOVEMBER TO MY FRIENDS IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Since I last wrote, our 2019 legislative session in Sacramento ended, and I believe we accomplished a great deal for the people of California, and specifically the residents of our San Diego region.

We made significant progress in a number of areas: allocating $2.5 billion toward homelessness and affordable housing; prohibiting exorbitant rent increases; updating our police use-of-force standard; protecting energy ratepayers; bolstering disaster preparedness; funding education at record levels; and much more.

In our budget, not only did we shore up our reserves and strengthen safety-net programs for struggling residents, we also were able to invest directly in communities. Projects and programs in San Diego County received more than $60 million, including enhancements to arts and culture in Balboa Park and Liberty Station.

More challenges lie ahead, and the policy work progresses even before the next session begins. Thank you for continuing to let my office know about your questions and opinions about the work we’re doing.

Meanwhile, Veterans Day is November 11, and one of my top priorities has been making sure that we are supporting veterans who struggle with housing instability. Thanks to the voters who approved Proposition 41 in 2014, California’s investment in affordable housing has created nearly 2,600 new homes for veterans and their families. And 323 of those are in San Diego County, including 80 apartments in East Village that were funded last November.

Additional funding for affordable homes for veterans is expected in 2020. I will continue to carefully monitor this process.

I’d like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. I am thankful for many things, among them the inspiration I get from visiting the communities in my district and seeing how much time and energy residents devote to helping their neighbors and improving quality of life. Thank you!

— Toni G. Atkins, President Pro Tempore & State Senator for California’s 39 District, which includes University Heights

WORKING TO CLEAR LOW-LEVEL MARIJUANA CONVICTIONS

People deserve second chances in life, especially when a mistake from the past can have exaggerated consequences for their future. That’s why I am working to dismiss convictions from the records of thousands of San Diegans who violated now-obsolete laws against possessing low-level amounts of marijuana.

These citizens often cannot fully participate in society because they once engaged in an activity that today is legal in the eyes of the courts, the State Legislature, and the voters of California. They may be turned down for a job or unable to rent a home. Having a criminal record can keep them from coaching their child’s sports team or affect their ability to obtain a student loan for college.

My office is currently reviewing more than 5,000 misdemeanor and infraction convictions from 2009 through 2018 and thousands more from before then. Charges will be systematically dismissed to clear conviction records for those who qualify, and records will be sealed. Under a bill passed by the California State Legislature, prosecutors like me are tasked with clearing convictions before July 1, 2020. We filed the first motions to dismiss thirty convictions on September 25, and additional motions will be filed on a regular and ongoing basis.

Since marijuana became legal in California, people convicted of low-level misdemeanors and infractions for marijuana possession can petition the court to have their records dismissed. However, few took advantage of the process, likely because they didn’t know about it, or perhaps they found the process lengthy, daunting, and expensive.

Because our office is proactively petitioning to dismiss these convictions, defendants will not have to hire a lawyer or take any action. When our work is done, thousands of San Diegans will be able to move forward with their lives without this mark on their records. Questions concerning the conviction dismissal process can be sent to the City Attorney’s Office at CityAttorney@sandiego.gov.

— San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott
California Coast Credit Union, the longest-serving credit union in San Diego and Riverside Counties, is celebrating its milestone 90th Anniversary. Established by San Diego teachers in 1929, Cal Coast holds true to its founders’ guiding principle of “people helping people.” With more than $2.5 billion in assets, the credit union proudly serves more than 185,000 members through its network of 25 branches, including one here in University Heights, and 60 shared branch locations. The credit union also offers convenient online and mobile banking systems as well as 30,000 fee-free ATMs nationwide.

Cal Coast is a not-for-profit financial institution that provides free financial education for adults and youth and is committed to improving lives by supporting local causes and charities. Giving back is at the heart of what we do. The Cal Coast Cares Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Cal Coast Credit Union, was established in 2015 to provide scholarships for local students and grants to educators.

In celebration of 90 years of service, the Foundation is providing $90,000 in scholarships to deserving college students, high school seniors, and students who are in, or have been in, the foster care system. The Foundation is also awarding more than $26,000 to teachers to support their classroom programs.

Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in San Diego or Riverside Counties. For more information about credit union membership or the Cal Coast Cares Foundation, visit www.calcoastcu.org or call (877) 495-1600.

—Jennifer McNairan

MEMORIAL FOR ROBIN MAIRE

Robin Maire, husband of Chris Huddy who was the first president of University Heights Community Association in 1984, passed away suddenly while hiking on Cowles Mountain on Thursday, October 3. Robin was an invaluable support to Chris and to UHCA. He was the originator of the Blockwalker concept, a brilliant idea to engage community volunteers to distribute a newsletter-flyer to neighbors, enabling us to get the word out regarding the status of our efforts to get a park built in our neighborhood. Those original newsletter-flyers grew into a full-fledged newspaper, now distributed by 65 Blockwalkers, from a distribution of 200 + to now 3000. The UHCA board deeply appreciates Robin’s contribution to University Heights and sends condolences to Chris and her family.

My husband and I moved to University Heights to be near our son and his family and to help care for their young children. We love the walkability and the amiable character of the neighborhood, except at night. Our place is on Texas Street between Polk and Howard and theirs is on Louisiana Street between Polk and Lincoln. The location is ideal, near restaurants, coffee shops, Smart & Final, and much more.

The downside is that Texas Street is totally dark from Polk to Howard. We use flashlights so that cars can see us when we cross the very, very dark intersection. I hesitate to use the flashlight when I am alone on Texas Street since people can see me, but I cannot see them. In fact, I have come within a foot of walking straight into someone walking in the opposite direction. The sidewalk on Texas is uneven and difficult to navigate in the dark.

I know that the City of San Diego is striving for walkable neighborhoods with appropriate infill. Walkability should be safe. My quest is for a streetlight on Texas between Polk and Lincoln. I am sure there are other blocks in UH that also need lighting to be safe. About 1400 controversial smart lights have been installed in the City, but my neighbors and I would be happy with a smart or even a dumb streetlight. Sidewalk repair has started in UH. I would request that that a streetlight on Texas Street be included on the repair list since the lighting is so inadequate. —Maureen Kirk

Photo: Chris Huddy

OOPS! I DIDN’T SEE YOU

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