

University Heights Community Association October 2016

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The University Heights Branch Library, built in 1966, turns 50 this year and the UH chapter of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library is throwing a party with style!



## UH LIBRARY CELEBRATES 50 GROOVY YEARS

Oct 29 Festivities to Include Modern Architecture Lecture & Book Sale

We've been busy sprucing up the place for the big event. If you've passed by recently, you couldn't help but notice how fresh and new the building looks.

That's all thanks to a new coat of paint in a color palette more sympathetic to the building's original design, removing added ornamentation, and restoring the original brushed aluminum lettering to the front and back of the building.

The free event, open to the public is set for Saturday, October 29th, from 10am to 1 pm. The UH Friends, joined by guests such as Third District Councilmember Todd Gloria and Third District Councilmember-elect Chris Ward, and others, will offer a salute to this vital community resource. The morning's festivities will also include a lecture on Mid-Century Modern architecture, a reception, followed by a special book sale of architecture, art and design books you won't want to miss.

The lecture by Keith York of Modern San Diego will be followed by a conversation with Hal Sadler, the noted San Diego Modernist architect and founding partner of Tucker Sadler & Bennett (now Tucker Sadler Architects), the award winning San Diego architectural firm. His work inspired the current post & beam style building with its open floor plan, exposed concrete block, steel columns and walls of glass. It replaced the earlier Spanish colonial revival style



Sadler Residence, Point Loma, 1959-1960  
Award of Honor, AIA San Diego

library, using the same foundation and foot print, but doubling the floor space with room for two bookmobiles on the lower level. York will speak on the evolution of 20th century architecture in San Diego, the definition of San Diego Modernism and how those principals developed. He will also discuss Mr. Sadler's work with the architect himself. Sadler is a graduate of Arizona State University's School of Architecture, and obtained a master's degree from USC. His first job out of school was for the Los Angeles-based architecture firm Jones and Emmons, under the influence of his mentor, A. Quincy Jones. Mr. Sadler's diverse and prolific career has spanned nearly 60 years and not only defines an era, but confirms that a clear personal vision explored through modernist design practice can effectively influence public culture.

After the talk, the Friends will offer an impressive collection of gently used architecture and design books for this special sale! Proceeds will go to support the ongoing restoration efforts of our branch library. The current paint project, completed in mid-September, was a journey, an education, and a bit of a mystery for everyone involved.

We learned a great deal about the building and how to honor its design with equal parts tenacity and compromise. Even the city electricians weighed in on the paint colors. They were upgrading the air conditioning and wiring during the painting, and after seeing the transformation apologized for the ugly diagonal conduits and exposed wiring added over the years in the middle of the south facade and now plan to reroute the wiring discreetly alongside the drain pipes.



Serra Mesa Branch Public Library, 1963



Tucker, Sadler & Bennett Office, 1962  
Photograph by Julius Shulman  
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We would like to thank San Diego Public Library Director Misty Jones, Councilmember Todd Gloria and his aide Adriana Martinez for all their effort in getting our library painted, and their ongoing efforts to upgrade and maintain our mid-century gem. It is a shining example of how preservation can work for a community.

**University Heights Library**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**October 29, 10 am - 1pm**  
**4193 Park Blvd, 92103**  
**Free Admission**



Centre City Concourse Parking Garage, 1965  
Photograph by Julius Shulman  
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**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**UHCA NOV 3, 2016**  
Every November we try to find a way to recognize and honor those who have served our country in the military. This year's UHCA meeting is dedicated to veterans' issues. Please join us for a moderated panel discussion featuring several experts on important issues affecting veterans and their families, followed with a Q&A.

## president's corner by Bernie Horan

Well, fellow residents of University Heights (UH), this is my final president's column. After four years as president of this community association, I'm stepping down. The by-laws of our association require me to step aside at this point. But even if they didn't, my husband Dan would blast into orbit if I signed up for another two-year term. Since he'd probably break apart during reentry and I'm not ready to lose him, I'd be stepping down regardless of what the by-laws might say.

Let's be honest. In a small community organization like ours, getting "elected" to an office generally means finding someone willing to do the job, which can often involve cajoling and begging. Once they agree to run, they then get elected in a landslide collecting 100 percent of the votes because no one else is running.

I had been president of the community association several years ago but had gradually drifted away from the organization as the demands of running our business, Twiggs, took over. But after 19 years, Twiggs requires less of my time than it used to. So when I was asked if I'd be willing to serve again, I agreed because I think it's important to be involved in your community.

Doing this has certainly connected me to this community in ways I wasn't connected before. It's easy to have no sense of community in a city as large, spread out and disengaged from itself as San Diego is. But getting involved in University Heights Community Association (UHCA) has given me that sense of community. I still can't say I feel particularly connected to San Diego, but I do feel very connected to UH.

We've had a number of people get involved in UHCA in the last few years for the first time volunteering for the community's 125th birthday celebration, the Trolley Barn Park founding celebration, cleaning up the 163 on-ramp, coming out for meetings with the cops and many other things.

I'd strongly encourage everyone reading this to get involved in the community in a tangible way. Having a sense of place and home is a wonderful thing. You can start by coming to the community association meeting the first Thursday of each month at Birney Elementary at 7 pm. Or go to the community association website, www.uhsd.org, to look at ways to volunteer and get involved.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Nan McGraw for all her work for UHCA during my four years as president, and long before. Although Nan hasn't held an "elected" position in years, she is the glue that keeps this organization together and has put more time into UHCA than anyone else. I'm not sure UHCA would exist without Nan. So thanks, Nan.

And thanks to all of you who've attended UHCA meetings, served as officers or on the executive board, or volunteered for events over the last four years. And thanks even to those who've called me up to yell at me for not being a lap dog to your demands. You've all made me feel a part of University Heights; I've enjoyed it tremendously. And with that, it's time for me to bid you farewell!

## uhca news

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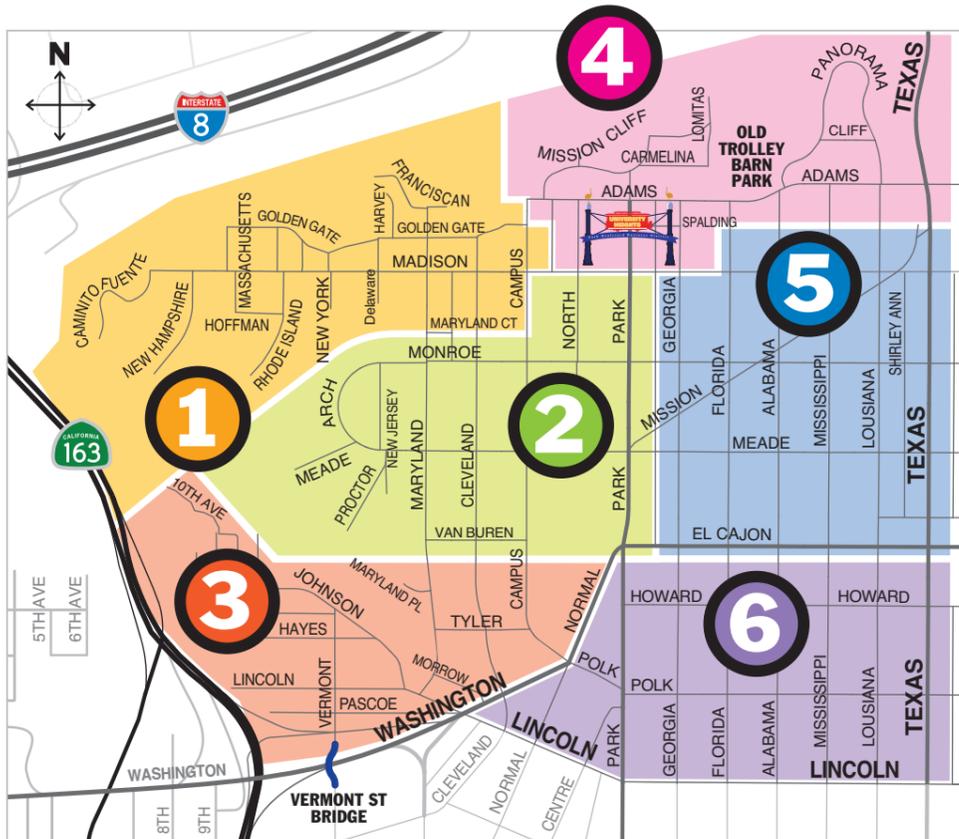
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## University Heights Map: Boundaries and Zone Watch



The bold street names on this map define the boundaries of the community of University Heights. Every block and apartment/condo should have an established Neighborhood Watch.

A zone is a neighborhood within University Heights as defined by the six zones on this map.

The blocks within each zone are linked together via a *Zone Watch Coordinator* who manages an email list of participants wishing to receive crime watch information. For questions or for more info, contact either your zone's coordinator or Nan McGraw.

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6	Mark Koopman	mkzw6@yahoo.com

## Membership Form

Now pay your dues or donate online at [www.uhsd.org](http://www.uhsd.org).

Join UHCA today and be part of the team! The success of the University Heights Community Association is largely dependent upon the volunteer efforts of area residents.

### Yearly Membership

- \*\$25 Household
- \*\$45 Membership & mailed UHCA News
- \*\$75 Business Membership
- \*\$100 Golden Ostrich

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

- NEW
- RENEWAL

University Heights Community Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. A portion of your membership is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### Donor

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for Keeping up the Good Work (Donate as a member or non-member)

### Volunteer Your Time on a UHCA Committee!

- Beautification & Planning** · Keep UH beautiful.
- Blockwalker** · Help deliver newsletters to UH residences and businesses.
- Marketing & Merchandising** · Promote UHCA via marketing/advertising, visual arts, photography, and product merchandising.
- Membership** · Help exceed goals for 2016 membership and meeting attendance.
- Neighborhood/Zone Watch** · Join your neighbors to keep UH safe.
- UHCA News** · Write articles, take photos, or sell ads; these are just a few of the many ways to contribute your talent, creativity, and energy to our paper.
- Program & Events** · Plan and oversee various events and general meetings.



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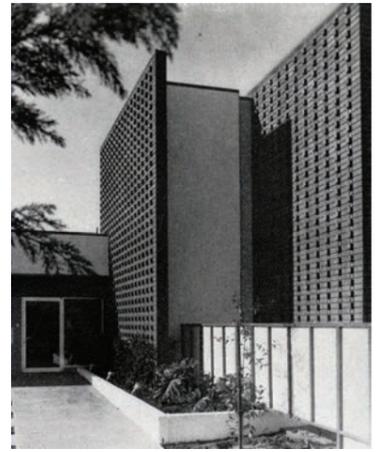
# MODERN MODERNIST MID-CENTURY MODERN



Tucker, Sadler & Bennett Office, 1962  
Photograph by Julius Shulman  
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By post-World War II, a few of the Modernist architects putting their mark on San Diego included Lloyd Ruocco, Robert Mosher and Roy Drew, Russell Forester, Homer Delawie and Hal Sadler. Los Angeles had Harwell Hamilton Harris and Craig Ellwood among others. Ellwood built in San Diego as well. A no means complete list of Palm Springs Modernism boasts work by William F. Cody, Albert Frey and William Krisel.

Come learn more about Modernism in San Diego from Keith York of modernsandiego.com, and see examples of Mid-Century Modern furniture from David Skelley's Boomerang.



Pacific Telephone Building, National City, 1960  
Recognized at the 1964 United Masonry Association of San Diego Awards

Confused about this litany of names for architecture styles? The 50th anniversary celebration of the University Heights Branch Library this month may call for a little clarification.

The library building, inspired by a design by architect Hal Sadler, was completed in 1966 so it qualifies as Mid-Century Modern (MCM). The UH Library is called modern as opposed to contemporary and Sadler is also referred to as a San Diego Modernist. You can hardly go wrong with any of these terms as they are used interchangeably.



Southern California 1st National Bank, 1966  
Tucker Sadler & Bennett



University Heights Branch Public Library, 1966  
Tucker Sadler & Bennett



De Groot Residence, Mission Beach, 1961  
Tucker Sadler & Bennett  
Photograph by George Lyons

Delving into history a little deeper, by the early 20th century, Modernism in both Europe and the United States had evolved as a rebellion against the Beaux-Arts

Movement and the elaborate decoration of the Victorian Era. Buildings were stripped clean of ornament. The Bauhaus School, Walter Gropius and Mies van der Rohe in Germany and Le Corbusier in France were just some of the leaders of the new thrust in architecture and design to come. Innovation in both materials and construction were a hallmark of Modernism.

In San Diego, Irving Gill, a pioneer of the modern movement, built cubist-like residences and public buildings, many in Hillcrest, while R.M. Schindler built in 1923 the El Pueblo Ribera Court in La Jolla.

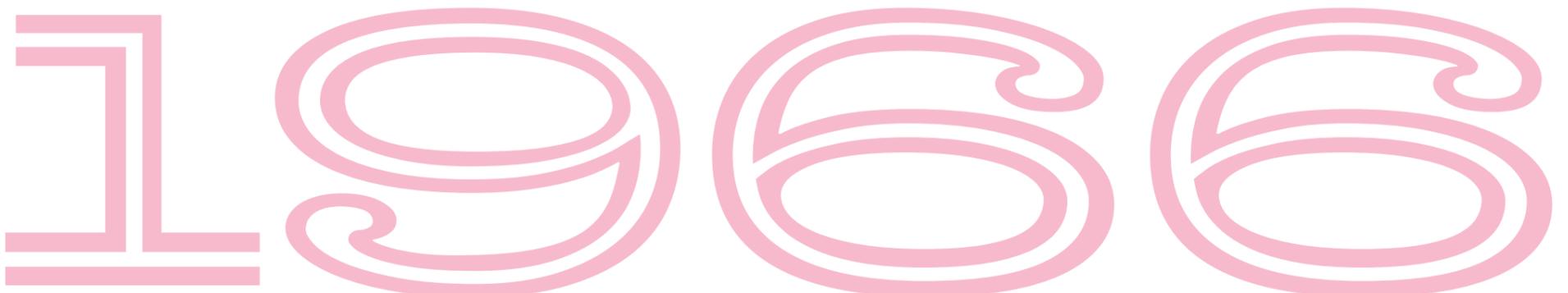


La Jolla Women's Club, 1914  
Irving Gill



Argo Hall, 1967  
UC San Diego  
Tucker Sadler & Bennett

And if this peaks your interest, visit through March 31, 2017, *Irving J. Gill, New Architecture for a Great Country* at the San Diego History Center in Balboa Park. The exhibit is one of a series of on-going multi-site exhibits throughout the County of San Diego celebrating its premier Modernist architect. Events will run through mid-2017. For more information, check out the Irving Gill Foundation at: [www.irvinggill.org](http://www.irvinggill.org)



"it was the fulcrum of the decade that created the most upheaval and innovation." — Jon Savage

Batman premieres on ABC January 12,

Star Trek premieres on NBC Sept. 8,

Twister, Milton Bradley

Mondrian Dress, Yves Saint Laurent

"Souper Dress" Featuring Andy Warhol's "Campbell's Soup Cans"

Dylan Poster, Milton Glazer

LOVE, Robert Indiana  
Oil on Canvas

You Don't Have to Say You Love Me, Dusty Springfield

Yellow Submarine, The Beatles

Ball chair, Eero Aarnio

Uniform (above) with "Raindome" Braniff International Airlines, Emilio Pucci

Dress (left) Emilio Pucci

1966 Collection Lounge Chair Richard Schultz

Platner Lounge Chair Warren Platner

## Notable Books of 1966

- In Cold Blood  
Truman Capote  
January, 1966
- Valley of the Dolls  
Jacqueline Susann  
March, 1966
- Curious George Goes to the Hospital  
Margret and H. A. Rey  
March, 1966
- Fantastic Voyage  
Isaac Asimov  
May, 1966
- The Little Ghost  
Otfried Preußler  
October, 1966
- It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown  
Charles Schultz  
October, 1966
- Third Girl  
Agatha Christie  
November, 1966
- A Man of the People  
Chinua Achebe  
November, 1966
- The Last Picture Show  
Larry McMurtry  
December, 1966

Tucker, Sadler & Bennett Office, 1962  
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# OCTOBER UHCA MEETING

## MAKING SENSE OF THE PROPOSITIONS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

We are in the final stretch of a particularly fascinating political season and Election Day on November 8th is imminent. So now is a good time to focus our political attention on the perennial Fall challenge: Understanding the numerous propositions on the always complicated California ballot. Not to intimidate you, but just so you will know, this year's official Voter Information Guide, the pamphlet that identifies the candidates and attempts to explain the proposition, exceeds 100 pages!

*Wouldn't it be easier if someone could just talk to us and tell us what the propositions are and their likely effect?*

That's what we intend to do at the monthly University Heights Community Association (UHCA) meeting on October 6th. To help us in this worthy endeavor, we will have a speaker from the League of Women Voters to summarize and explain several propositions and to answer our questions about any of the propositions.

Here is a sneak preview of some of the propositions on November's ballot. To begin with, there are 14 local—meaning city and county—ballot measures! Measure A is a proposal from the San

Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to levy a half-cent sales tax to fund transportation and infrastructure projects throughout the county. Measure B, put forth by the developer Accretive Investments, seeks approval of Lilac Hills Ranch, a 1,700-home development near Valley Center.

Measure C, the Chargers' Stadium Plan, has probably received the most publicity. If approved, it would raise the hotel-room tax in the City of San Diego from 12.5 percent to 16.5 percent to finance construction of a joint stadium and convention center in San Diego's East Village. Measure D, dubbed the Citizens' Plan by supporters, competes directly with Measure C, the Chargers' Stadium Plan. Measure D would also raise the city's official hotel-room tax, but it is structured to operate as a guarantee that the city will collect an additional one percent from hotel-room visitors money that will go directly into the city's general fund. The city would be able to use that money for parks, police, fire and other needs, but not for expansion of the existing San Diego Convention Center.

Measure E would make it easier to remove and replace elected city officials who have committed crimes or other wrongdoing. Measure I would allow the City Council to extend San Diego High School's lease on

## Beautification Committee

### HELPFUL NEIGHBORHOOD TIDBITS

If you have debris left on your property, street or adjoining alleys by homeless folks, you can call the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department at (619) 694-7000 and they will come out and assess it and remove it.

San Diego Union Tribune Reporter Jeffrey McDonald is looking for people impacted by SDG&E and issues arising with tree trimming inside your property lines. Please call (619-293-1708) or e-mail him (jeff.mcdonald@sduniontribune.com) to have your story heard!

For all of us in East University Heights that are kept up every night by helicopter noise, there is hope in sight. Sergeant Craig Evans of the San Diego Police Department Air Support Unit is willing to listen to how that impacts our lives. His contact information is: cevans@pd.sandiego.gov (858) 573-5078 Cell: (619) 992-6962

#### Event Reminders:

**Library Garden Clean Up:** The Beautification Team will be sprucing up the UH Library garden for its 50th Anniversary celebration. Meet in front of the library at 9 a.m. Sunday, October 16th. Bring basic gardening supplies (gloves, rakes, brooms etc.) if you have them!

**Fall Clean Up:** Mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 19th, 9am. Details in the November UHCA News. —Cheryl Ann Cooke



## Flags Across the Nation

After 9/11/01 people rallied to show their patriotism. Many photos were taken but the first photograph for this collection taken was right here in University Heights. This collection ended up in the County of San Diego Administration Building, where it was the longest lasting exhibit, over 10 years.

The inspiration behind this was photographer Eileen Schwartz. Eileen has since provided patriotic art programs, such as teaching children patriotism through the arts, troop support activities and veterans resources throughout the country. She now focuses on the North Carolina veterans' art.

Current projects include Letters to the Troops, Art Cards by Vets and Art for Veterans (free art classes are offered to vets in Charlotte, N.C.). An Annual Freedom Exhibit takes place in the town of Matthews, N.C., that features the veterans' art. For more information, please contact Eileen Schwartz at www.FlagsAcrossTheNation.org or by phone at (704) 962-1868.



its current location at the edge of Balboa Park. Measure J would direct money from Mission Bay Park's commercial leases to regional parks, including Mission Bay Park, Balboa Park and others, and it would also allow the city to seek a \$126 million bond for regional parks.

Measure M would raise the cap on affordable housing units, and Measure N would impose a sales tax on businesses that sell marijuana for recreational use if voters approve Proposition 64, which would make it legal for adults to use marijuana.

In addition to the 14 local ballot measures, 18 statewide initiatives will compete for voters' attention in November during a red-hot presidential campaign that also includes picking the state's first new U.S. senator in a generation!

The 18 state propositions cover the waterfront in subject matter. Topics include the following: Plastic Bags, Carry-out Bags, Public Finances, Adult Films, Prescription Drug Costs, Hospital Fees, School Construction, Ending the Death Penalty, Death Row Appeals, Gun Control, Legislative Transparency, Marijuana Legalization, Prison Population, Multilingual Education, Corporate Contributions, Cigarette Tax, Tax Extension, and Parks Maintenance.

Given the length and complexity of the ballot and the diversity of topics covered, all of us probably need an expert to help us understand what we are voting on so that we can make informed decisions.

And that is where The League of Women Voters comes in. The League of Women Voters is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose mission is to educate and to empower all eligible voters to participate in our political system. Voting is the most powerful way to have your voice heard, and it is the very core of our democracy. It is your chance to stand up for what matters most to you and have an impact on the issues that affect you, your community, and your future. So please join us for a scintillating discussion that will help us all be better citizens and informed voters. —Maureen Markey

# 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 Dharni  
Every Tuesday 9-11 pm



**ACROSS THE STREET AT MUELLER COLLEGE**  
4607 Park Blvd. (619) 507-7223  
www.sidestageimprov.com

- Contact John Ciccolella for details

**LAFAYETTE HOTEL**  
*Celebrating 70 years*  
2223 El Cajon Blvd. (619) 296-2101  
www.lafayettehotelsd.com

- **Finest City Improv**  
Thursdays-Sundays 7-11 pm

## MUSIC

**PARK & REC**  
4612 Park Blvd.  
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**LESTAT'S ON ADAMS**  
3343 Adams Ave.  
(619) 282-0437 / www.lestats.com

- **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
- Check out The Underground Jazz Session

**ACROSS THE STREET AT MUELLER COLLEGE**  
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**LAFAYETTE HOTEL**  
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- **Lafayette Jazz Concerts:**  
1-4 pm every Sunday
- **September 18**  
Titanic Jazz Band
- **October 16**  
Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing

## THEATRE

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

- **Lizard Boy**  
September 9 - October 30



### 11TH ANNUAL UH ARTS OPEN/TASTE OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

The 11th annual UH Arts Open/Taste of University Heights is set for **Sunday, November 6th**. The event is both a creative and culinary arts celebration. The Taste of UH is a self-guided walking tour of delectable delights that showcases mouthwatering cuisines from prominent and diverse restaurants and eateries from 12noon-3pm. Taste tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 event day. Limited tickets are available so get yours before they sell out! Free shuttle service escort guests along the route.

The University Heights Arts Open is one-of-a-kind event that celebrates art in all its forms, and doesn't charge you a penny. Visitors can visit studios, check out exhibitions, chat with the artists and watch performances. Businesses and restaurants along Park Blvd. host artist displays and artist's personal studios are open throughout the neighborhood.

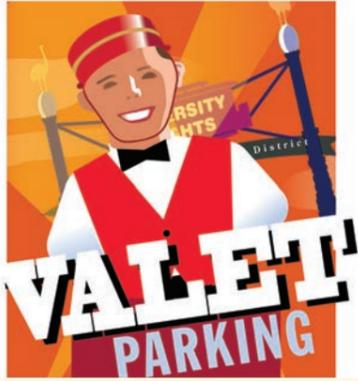
The UH Arts Open hours are 11am-4pm and the Taste of UH will run from 12noon-3pm.

Get your Taste tickets now! Contact the Community Development Corporation of UH at [uhcdc@netzero.net](mailto:uhcdc@netzero.net) or (619) 297-3166.

For information about the UH Arts Open view [www.UHarts.org](http://www.UHarts.org) or call (619) 508-4075.

# OCT 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 <b>The Point Cleanup</b> 1:30-3:30 pm (Golden Gate between Rhode Island & Delaware Sts)
2 <b>Hillcrest Farmers Market</b> Lincoln & Cleveland 9 am-2 pm	3 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	4 <b>Uptown Planners Mtg</b> Joyce Beers Uptown Center 6 pm	5 <b>UHDC Meeting</b> 4452 Park Blvd. #104 6:30 pm	6 <b>UH Rec Council Meeting</b> <b>UHCA MEETING</b> Birney School Auditorium 6:45 pm	7	8 <b>uhca.news</b> <b>November Deadline</b>
9 <b>Hillcrest Farmers Market</b> Lincoln & Cleveland 9 am-2 pm	10 <b>HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY</b>	11 <b>Hillcrest Town Council</b> Joyce Beers Uptown Center 6:30 pm	12 <b>Happy Yom Kippur</b>	13 <b>Curbside Recycling &amp; Yard Waste Collection</b>	14 <b>PREVIEW BOOK SALE</b> (Members Only) Friends of the Library, UH Library 3-6 pm	15 <b>Friends of the Library</b> <b>BOOK SALE</b> 8 am - 3 pm, UH Library
16 <b>Friends of the Library</b> <b>BOOK SALE</b> Noon - 4 pm, UH Library <b>Spruce Up Our Library Cleanup</b> 9 am	17	18 <b>North Park Planning Committee</b> North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 North Park Way 6:30 pm <b>Friends of UH Library Meeting</b> 6:30 pm	19 <b>Library Task Force</b> UH Lib. 6:30-7:30 pm	20	21	22
23/30 <b>Hillcrest Farmers Market</b> Lincoln & Cleveland 9 am-2 pm	24/31 <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>	25 <b>uhca.news</b> Comes out	26 <b>UH Book Club &amp; Salon</b> 6:30 pm UH Library	27 <b>Curbside Recycling &amp; Yard Waste Collection</b>	28	29 <b>50 YEARS</b> <b>UH BRANCH LIBRARY CELEBRATION</b> SAT OCT 29 10 AM - 1 PM



## COMMUNITY VALET OPENS IN "THE VILLAGE"

University Heights (UH) has a new public parking valet! San Diego-based Preferred Valet Parking officially opened the new valet operation last month in the heart of the community's Park Blvd. business district at Madison Ave., an area many UH residents call "the village."

This valet service, is available to anyone and everyone, and is currently open Thursday through Saturday from 5:30 pm to 12:00 am. The valet is located directly in front of Madison and Park & Rec on the west side of Park Blvd. We are using solely off-street parking at the conveniently located Mueller Center just across the street, so it's safe and fast.

This is not the first community valet parking operation in San Diego. We are following in the footsteps of Little Italy, Hillcrest, and Mission Hills. Our mission is to improve the availability and supply of parking for UH residents and businesses. Your neighborhood friendly valet is looking forward to seeing you and your car soon!  
By Nick Bernal, president of Preferred Valet Parking

The September meeting started with an update by Officer David Surwilo, the Community Relations Officer for the Western Precinct of the San Diego Police Department (SDPD), thanking the University Heights Community Association (UHCA) for the very useful and pleasant 'Cookies with the Cops' meetings. He was impressed by the excellent turnout. The subject of drug use and other undesirable behavior at The Point and in Trolley Barn Park was once again addressed, with one citizen offering to share video taken near his home. Officer Surwilo reiterated the challenges of dealing with homelessness and drug use and thanked community members for their support.

The political representative for Third District Councilmember Todd Gloria, Adriana Martinez, told us about plans to remove the mural from the University Heights (UH) library, in favor of a new sign. The city will store the murals for 90 days. Anyone who wants it should contact the city, otherwise it will be donated or disposed of.

A representative of Assembly Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins reminded us that Toni will be leaving her assembly seat shortly for the state senate and updated us on legislative activity supported by the state senator-elect.

Another speaker told the meeting about SoNo, a new civic organization intended to add a new voice to residents of the North and South Park areas. The organization will address concerns as they arise and communicate the group's consensus to political representatives and city officials.

The new valet parking service is available to the public in the Park Blvd. business

district or 'village' area every Thursday through Saturday evenings. The company, Preferred Valet Services, operates a similar service in the Hillcrest and Little Italy areas. A representative of the company explained that city regulations ensure that only off-street parking is used to serve patrons, so no residential parking is consumed. The two businesses providing initial support are Madison and Park and Rec.

Others are considering adding their support to ensure valet parking remains a viable option for our local businesses, and

Update, also known as the Pedestrian-Oriented Infill Development Enhancement Program. Smith reiterated his concern, previously expressed in this newspaper, that the proposed policy of accelerating redevelopment of multi-unit "Huffman" buildings with city-sponsored developer incentives would exacerbate the displacement of potentially thousands of lower income residents, contrary to the City of San Diego's General Plan policy of "Equitable Development." This policy requires local plans to avoid placing an unfair burden on those in our community least able to bear it—in this case, the cost of gentrifying redevelopment projects that raise the cost of housing.

Smith acknowledged that gentrification and redevelopment of the Huffmans, which he described as de facto affordable housing, would occur, but that the plan's proposed policy would make things worse, with little of value gained in return. A lively discussion took place around how to address the growing shortage of affordable housing in University Heights, and Smith urged attendees to contact Todd Gloria's office to weigh in with their opinion on the policy.

Finally, Bernie Horan, the outgoing UHCA board president, let us know about nominations for UHCA office positions. Peter Rose, current Treasurer, was re-nominated for the position. Kurt Hermansen was nominated as Secretary, and Carol Neidenburg was nominated to be the new UHCA President. Bernie has served the community and the UHCA organization well as president for the past four years and deserves our gratitude for his energetic leadership and unwavering dedication.



reduces pressure on our neighborhood parking. Ask your favorite local business to participate—the cost is nominal! The challenges of using the church parking area were discussed, but if the program proves profitable, that looks like it will be a viable way to expand the service and further relieve pressure on street parking.

Bill Smith, a new area resident and UHCA board member, told how concerns expressed by North Park residents prompted him to look into policy LU 4.20 of the North Park Community Plan

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# A SIGN OF THE TIMES: SELECTING NEW UH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS

COMMUNITY  
ASKED FOR  
INPUT ON  
NEW SIGNS



What message does a neighborhood watch sign convey? It tells us that we as a community of neighbors are actively watching out for one another. That we care about each other. And that we care about each other's safety and wellbeing. If we see something suspicious, we call the police. If we see a neighbor need help, we help.

What message does a faded, bent, decades-old neighborhood-watch sign convey? It tells us that the sign was put here decades ago and signifies the opposite of constant vigilance. Worn out signs signify neglect. For an example, the sign on the southeast corner of Madison and New York Avenues screams neglect. While crime seems low in University Heights (UH), burglaries have occurred recently in very close proximity to that very neglected sign. Maybe the burglar did not notice the faded sign, or noticed its sad condition. Whether the burglar noticed the sign or not, it did not serve its purpose.

Is it time for new neighborhood watch signs in University Heights? Many UH residents believe that it is time for new signs. And many are advocating for a contemporary design, one that features effective graphics, concise content, and large, legible words, with light backgrounds and dark lettering. Since five-to-ten percent of the population is color blind, red backgrounds are disfavored. And because psychological studies show that posting a graphical image of eyeballs tends to keep people more honest, signs that graphically convey watchful eyes are recommended.

We would like your input. Please let us know what you think in general on this topic, and more specifically of the designs depicted above.

Please email your feedback to [kdh@kurt davidhermannsen.com](mailto:kdh@kurt davidhermannsen.com), who will report all community feedback to the UHCA Board of Directors.  
—Kurt Hermansen

## Birney Buzz

Great Outings with our Great Community



Great things are happening at Birney in October! We welcome the University Heights (UH) community to three upcoming events. Come get to know Birney families while supporting our amazing internationally accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

Have a great meal with good friends while supporting the Birney PTA on Friday, October 14, at California Pizza Kitchen, Fashion Valley Mall, 7007 Friars Rd., (619) 298-4078. Bring the California Pizza Kitchen flyer from our [www.birneypta.com](http://www.birneypta.com) website and 20 percent of your purchase price will come back to Birney.

The UH community is also welcome to join us for Birney Night Out at U-31 (21 and up, please!) in North Park starting at 6:30 pm on Friday, October 21. In addition to 40 percent of all sales going back to Birney, there will be a silent auction as well as an opportunity drawing. We are always looking for in-kind donations from our local businesses to support this event, as well as a place in UH to host future Birney Nights Out; contact us at [alicebirneyfriends@gmail.com](mailto:alicebirneyfriends@gmail.com). This is a great opportunity to connect with engaged Birney families.

If hockey is more your thing, come out for Family Night with the San Diego Gulls at the Valley View Casino Arena (formerly Sports Arena) on Friday, November 11, at 7 pm. The Gulls will battle the Manitoba Moose and all kids will have a chance to be part of a high-five tunnel at second intermission. Tickets are \$20; a portion of each ticket goes to Birney. Purchase your tickets by Monday, November 7; email [info@birneypta.com](mailto:info@birneypta.com) or stop by Birney and pick up a flyer.

Finally, Birney continues to prove that diversity is our superpower, just as our IB program professes. Our principal, Amanda Hammond-Williams, dove deeper into her analysis of Birney's CAASSP (Smarter Balance) test scores from 2015 and 2016, comparing the scores of one cohort from one year to the next. Amanda noted that among comparable neighborhood and charter schools, "Birney was second only to Grant K-8 in Literacy, logging a 4-point gain over the last year and reaching a 65 percent proficiency rate."

Consider that Birney's English Learner population is 21 percent and Grant's is 7 percent, and Birney's numbers seem even more impressive. Birney's amazingly diverse students were also the highest scoring in the neighborhood in math, with an 11-point gain, surpassing all the area's neighborhood and charter schools. When you consider that these increased test scores are not the result of extensive test preparation but the natural result of our amazing IB curriculum, we are so proud of our Birney Bees, our devoted teachers, and our fearless leader, Ms. Amanda! —By Kim Schultz

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## ROONNEWS

from Roosevelt Middle School

Roosevelt's Annual  
Trick or Trot 5k and  
1-Mile Fun Run is  
October 30th

Our third annual Trick or Trot 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run is set for Sunday, October 30th at 8 am, and it promises spooktacular fun for the whole family!

Last year's event was covered by the San Diego Union-Tribune and raised over \$3,000 for after school programs at Roosevelt. This year's event once again takes place in beautiful Balboa Park. Prizes will be awarded for race winners as well as best costumes and all proceeds will benefit Parent-Teachers-Students Association (PTSA) and its after-school enrichment programs at Roosevelt.

We need donations of prizes, water, juices, snacks and other items for race day as well as monetary donations. If you are a local business owner, sponsorship opportunities are available that enable you to reach the nearly 1,000 families who attend Roosevelt.

Any business who donates will be mentioned on our PTSA website: [www.rooseveltpta.org](http://www.rooseveltpta.org), our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Roosevelt-IB-Middle-School-PTSA-203486703154880/timeline/> and Twitter feed, and a list of businesses who donate will be prominently displayed at the event.

In addition, sponsors who donate \$250 or more will have their logo appear on a goody bag that all participants receive, and sponsors who donate \$500 or more will have their logo appear on our goody bag as well as on a shared banner on our school fence along Zoo Drive, where thousands drive or walk along this fence weekly!

We are also looking for family friendly, health focused companies to apply for no-fee booths at the event.

For more information and registration, go to: [www.trickortrotsd.com/in-the-news.html](http://www.trickortrotsd.com/in-the-news.html)

For sponsorship information, contact Carrie Binder at: [cwbinder@gmail.com](mailto:cwbinder@gmail.com)

Our mosaic project is coming along, and we hope to have it completed in late winter or early spring 2017. Designed by Roosevelt students and the same artists who created murals at both the Birney and McKinley schools, the mosaic mural will not only beautify our campus, but also provide student artists with a true sense of ownership in their school. And when they graduate, they will also leave behind a service legacy that will inspire classes and generations to come.

So far, we've raised over \$2,000 for this project! We had a fun and successful fundraiser on September 8 at Thorn Street Brewery, and hope to have more upcoming. If you are interested in hosting a fundraiser at your restaurant or brewery, please contact [rooseveltpta1@gmail.com](mailto:rooseveltpta1@gmail.com).

Or if you'd like to support this effort you can donate at: <https://www.generosity.com/education-fundraising/bring-art-to-our-middle-school-campus> or by mailing a check to: Friends of Roosevelt, P.O. Box 33192, 3911 Cleveland Ave., San Diego, CA 92103, with a note in the memo about the mosaic mural fundraiser.

Thank you! —Laura Dadmun

## Cookies with the Cops a Huge Success

Thank you to our San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) Community Relations Officers Ricardo Pinon and David Surwilo, who made last month's "Cookies with the Cop" a huge success. Officers Pinon and Surwilo made three stops at various points within University Heights (UH) on Thursday, August 25th, spending more than three hours meeting with community members and addressing their concerns.

Community residents expressed their appreciation to our officers and the whole department. And, not surprisingly, many expressed their concerns about the rising number of the homeless in and around UH, beginning last spring and continuing to the present, and the many quality of life issues they bring. In particular, residents are concerned about the homeless in the Trolley Barn Park, in alleys, around the University Heights Branch Library on Park Blvd. and the homeless camp below Golden Gate and Massachusetts Avenues, as well as dumpster divers throughout the neighborhood.

This traveling show of University Heights Community Association (UHCA) board members and SDPD is a long tradition



in UH. In the mid 1980's when the crime stats were high UHCA decided to hold "Coffee With The Cops" meetings on Saturday mornings in the vulnerable areas of UH. This coincided with Police Chief Bob Burgreen implementation of a new concept, Community Policing.

UHCA was the first community in the city to bring neighbors together to talk to the cops on the street. Since then, the community has helped the SDPD shut down drug dealing, prostitution rings and more, and the organization remains proactive till this day.

UHCA also started the Zone Watch concept. See the map on page 2 to see your Zone and Zone Coordinator. Sign up. Your eyes and ears are necessary to keep University Heights safe.

Thanks to those of you who provided yummy cookies! -Nan McGraw

# Between the Covers: What's Happening at the University Heights Library

## Happy 50th Birthday, University Heights Library!

Huh? Wait a minute! Didn't we celebrate our 100th birthday two years ago? Why yes, we did. This time around, we are celebrating our fiftieth year in the current building on Park and Howard. I know it's confusing, but we never miss an opportunity to plan a party!

Please join our birthday celebration at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 29. A brief ceremony with refreshments is scheduled to get things started. This will include a brief talk about Mid-Century Modern (MCM) architecture—of which our library building is a sterling example—and a chat with renowned local San Diego Modernist architect Hal Sadler, who designed many buildings in our neighborhood. The event will also feature a special architecture and design book sale.

## A New Look

Thanks to the efforts of library staff, the UH Chapter of the Friends of the Library and a great team of City of San Diego planners and craftspeople, the library exterior has a fresh coat of paint. We hope you enjoy our new look. A special thanks to graphic designer and Friend of the Library, Paul Farris, who chose the new color scheme. Paul also designed the fabulous new street light banners on Park Blvd. celebrating our Fiftieth Anniversary.

We also want to offer special thanks to Third District Councilmember Todd Gloria and his staff, especially Adriana Martinez, without whose efforts the new coat of paint would not have been possible!

## New Children's Weekly Program Schedule

Our Youth Services Librarian will still conduct Arts & Crafts for Kids on Saturdays at 10:30 am. A new "Pajama Story Time" is now here weekly on Wednesdays at 6 pm. Join us and wear your PJs!

## Senior Mobile Tech Lab – Second Friday each month

The Senior Mobile Tech Lab class schedule has changed. The classes will be held on the second Friday of every month from 2 pm – 4:30pm.

The Tech Lab is a service provided by the Consumer Center for Health Education & Advocacy. 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 the session. Learn 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 AGENCY THAT PROVIDES THE TUTORS, NOT THE LIBRARY.

## Become a Friend of the University Heights Library

If you enjoy the services and programs provided by the University Heights Branch Library, you need to know that our programming depends on the generosity of donations from the community. One of the best ways you can help support the library is to join the Friends of the University Heights Library. For a minimum donation of \$10 (\$5 for students and seniors) you can sign up for an annual Friends membership. Just stop into the branch and ask a staff member for a membership envelope. Help our library to be fabulous, make new friends. Join the Friends of the University Heights Library.

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By Kim Schmidt, Librarian

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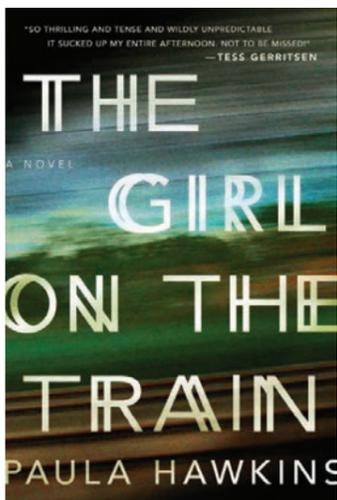
**Speeding** continues to be a great concern to many of us living in University Heights. The City Transportation Engineering Operations Division has acknowledged there is a speeding problem in our neighborhood and has agreed to some initial speed-calming measures:

- Two new 25mph speed limit signs were installed on Madison Avenue near New York Street.
- A buffer zone along the bike lane on the west end of Madison Avenue will be created in the upcoming months. This will make the bike lane safer and is intended to have a speed-calming effect for vehicles driving on Madison. It will not impact parking in the neighborhood nor will it require any new red curbs.
- V-calm signs for Madison Avenue and Maryland Street have been approved, but have not been funded for Fiscal Year 2017.

By Erin Mackinnon



# The October Book Club & Salon: The Girl on the Train By Paula Hawkins



In Paula Hawkins' debut psychological thriller, *The Girl on the Train*, you must wait for something awful to happen, and it's worth it.

The main character, Rachel Watson, is the girl on the train who takes the same commuter train every morning to London pretending to go to a job from which she was fired a few months ago. Every day the train stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She even has started to feel like she knows them. Their life as she sees it is perfect.

Not unlike the life she recently lost. And then she sees something shocking. It is only a minute until the train moves on, but it's enough.

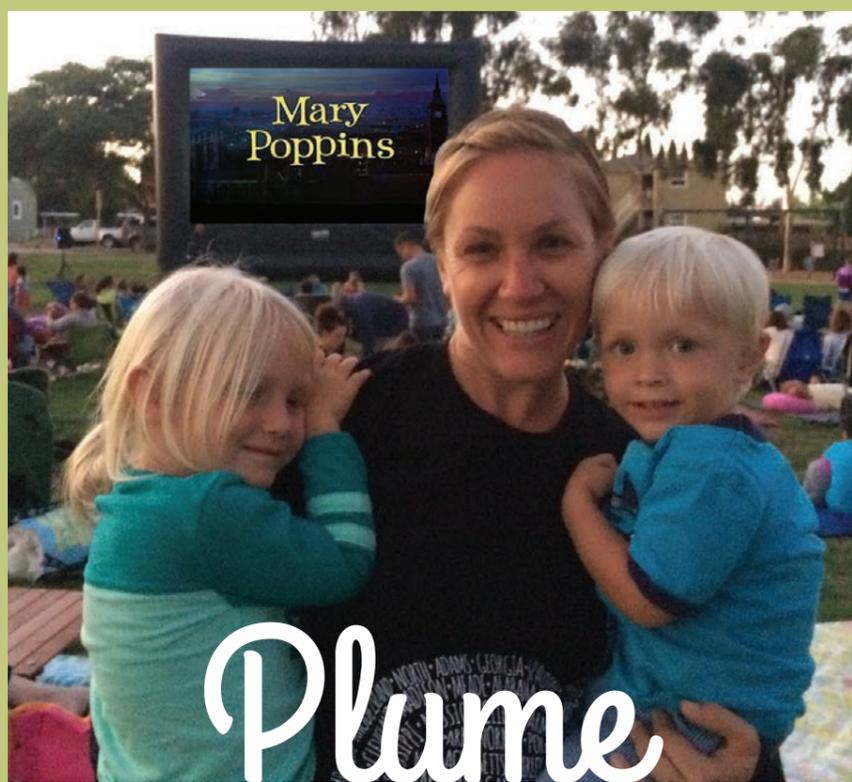
The novel, set in 2012 and 2013, cleverly jumps back and forth in time to first reveal the mystery, and then to unravel it. It is told from the different points of view of three women, Anna, Megan and, of course, Rachel.

You might want to read the book twice, once to enjoy and another to appreciate how well the author has crafted the twists, turns and sleights of hand that makes this thriller such a pleasure to read.

Paula Hawkins, who lives in London, worked as a journalist for 15 years before turning to writing fiction. The book recently has been optioned for a film by DreamWorks Studios.

Join the Book Club & Salon discussion on Wednesday, October 26, at 6:30 pm. The book will be available at the UH Library's front desk. New members are always welcome!

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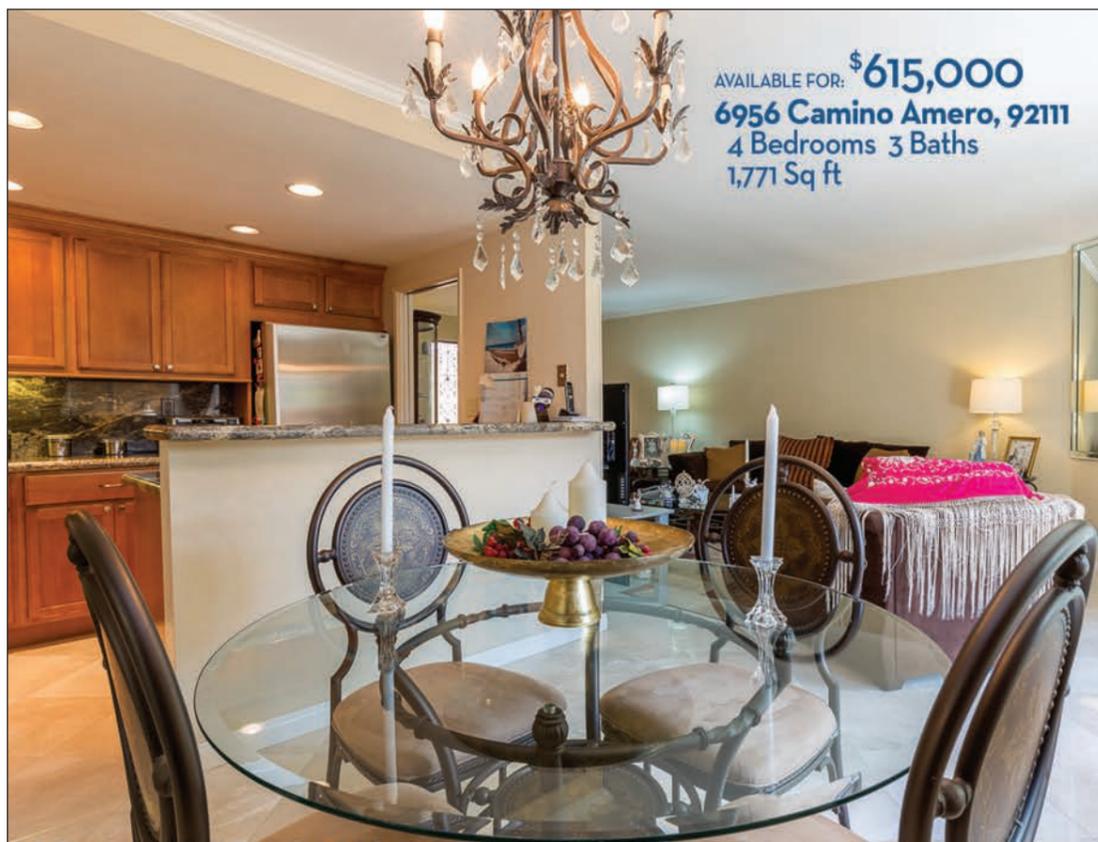


## Plume

What very busy working mother who also helps her husband in his business found time this year to start a new community program? That would be Jill Briggs Campbell! Jill lives next to Old Trolley Barn Park and takes her children there every day. She noticed our beloved park needs some TLC and that it could bring even more pleasure to the neighborhood.

## Jill Briggs Campbell

So she created the Friends of Old Trolley Barn Park and immediately developed a survey to find out what improvements you want in the park. Next she organized the first, and very successful, "Movie in the Park" on September 10th. We can't wait to see what comes next. Our hats (with plumes) are off to you Jill!



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**LIBRARIES AS A SPACE FOR LIFETIME LEARNING**

The City of San Diego's Public Library system serves a population of 1.3 million at our 35 branches and the downtown Central Library. In 2015, we welcomed over 6.6 million visitors making our libraries the most visited cultural institutions in the city.

While some may think that books are becoming a thing of the past due to advances in how people access information through technology, the truth is libraries are more important now than ever. Last year, 6.9 million items were checked out and over 450,000 people participated in programming. Most importantly, these resources, materials and programs are all made accessible to the public for free. Public libraries are unique social spaces that open doors to learning for everyone, from our youngest visitors attending Babies and Books story time events to participants in our Senior Symposiums.

We are lucky to have four world-class libraries in Council District 3. During my time as mayor of San Diego, I had the

privilege of opening the Central Library, which is a testament to what is possible when public and private partners come together to craft a vision and make it a reality. The Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library, originally built in 1961, will soon be replaced by a new facility nearly four times its size; with the start of construction in just a few months. It is not a rare occurrence to see the University Heights or North Park branches completely full on any day of the week, and I have been happy to contribute funds from my office budget for new furniture and other improvements at those locations. As these communities welcome new residents to their neighborhoods, it is essential that the city prioritize funding for upgrading these facilities so that more San Diegans have access to the great programs and resources our libraries provide.

From youth taking advantage of San Diego's Do your Homework @ the Library program, to college students doing research on library computers, or young families participating in unique programming like home brewing or bike safety seminars, our libraries have something for everyone. I have made it a priority as the city's Budget Committee Chair to ensure the council has provided the funding our libraries need for materials and extended hours. I cannot overstate the importance of local Friends groups, and encourage everyone who understands the value these institutions provide to get involved and contribute to make sure our library system continues to thrive.

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

**from your supervisor**



**LIBRARIES RAMP UP LIFETIME LEARNING SERVICES**

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Anyone who knows me can attest that I love a good book. Whether I'm listening on audio in my car or relaxing in the evening with my Kindle or a hard copy, books are an important part of my day.

My lifetime relationship with books started with, and continues to include, libraries. For that reason, I'm very proud of the San Diego County Library, its 33 branches, two bookmobiles—I keep the one that stops Fridays at the County Administration Center busy—and a growing number of 24/7 Library-to-Go kiosks. Our county library system is honored regularly and in 2012 received the Library Journal's prestigious National Library of the Year Award.

Libraries have always been important educational tools, something I understood well as a young man when they helped me through school.

Now, thanks to technology, those educational services can be extended to your smart phone, tablet or computer, and can support you throughout your life. To learn about services that include online learning, homework help and more, visit [sdcl.org](http://sdcl.org) and click on the eLIBRARY link. We even offer a Career Online High School where adults can earn an accredited diploma.

If you struggle connecting your device online from home, don't worry. Bring your tablet or smart phone to one of our county libraries, where the staff will be happy to teach you how to use it and begin exploring on your own. Thousands of electronic and audio books are waiting to be downloaded and read or listened to.

Finally, I want to circle back to the Library-to-Go.

Sometimes a busy schedule makes it hard to get to a branch during regular hours. For the Library-to-Go, hours are no hurdle at all. You can prove me right by visiting the kiosk at the County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa. It is located near the corner of Overland Avenue and Farnham Street, adjacent to the same parking lot that serves San Diego County Credit Union. Don't forget to bring your COUNTY library card!

Lifetime learning is something we all need to embrace. The good news is our libraries are here to help.

*County Supervisor Ron Roberts represents University Heights as part of his Fourth Supervisorial District. You can follow him on Facebook at Supervisor Ron Roberts, on Twitter at @RonRobertsSD and at [www.RonRoberts.com](http://www.RonRoberts.com).*

**from your speaker**



**ESTABLISH A LIFELONG RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY**

Libraries are an amazing community resource. Residents can gather there for meetings, to hear the latest from authors and local speakers, enjoy entertainment for children, use computers to access the web and email—and, of course, check out a few books, CDs and DVDs too.

University Heights (UH) already has celebrated the 20th anniversary of the summer concerts at Trolley Barn Park this year. Now it's time to mark the 50th anniversary of the current site of the community's 105-year-old library, the oldest branch in the San Diego Public Library system.

This is a great year for San Diego libraries. The Ocean Beach branch is celebrating a major anniversary too—the local library's centennial!

It's possible to have a lifelong relationship

with the library. There are story hours for children of all ages, homework programs for teens and a seemingly endless wealth of information for those who need questions answered at any stage of their lives. They can find out more about anything, whether the subject is parenting or health care, job-seeking or financial planning.

Also, if you haven't been to your local library in a while, October is the perfect time! There are two events this month that commemorate not only the importance of libraries, but also of reading. National Friends of Libraries Week kicks off Oct. 16th. Volunteers help make our libraries great, so if you've been thinking of supporting the University Heights branch by joining, or just want to thank the members who give of their time and energy, now is the time.

October also includes Teen Read Week. This year's theme is "Read for the fun of it!" The week, which kicks off Oct. 9, is meant not only to encourage reading among young people, but also to remind them of a great resource right in their communities – libraries, of course.

Writer Neil Gaiman called the local library "a community space ... a place of safety, a haven from the world." That was true 50 years ago, when the current University Heights library site opened, and it's true here and all across San Diego today.

*Speaker Emeritus Toni G. Atkins represents the 78th Assembly District.*

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## A GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE TRICKING 'N' TREATING



In 2000, a woman sued Universal Studios, claiming she suffered mental anguish and emotional distress caused by the studio's "Halloween Horror Nights," which only goes to show that Halloween activities can be the source of not just fun and frolic but also liability issues that can lead to a wide range of legal entanglements, whether you are participating in the festivities or not.

To begin with, the widely accepted signal that you are participating in the custom of trick-or-treating is to leave your porch light on. Whether you have Halloween decorations or not, the walkway to your front door must be safe and well lit, just like every other day of the year.

As an experienced purveyor of Halloween merriment, I can also offer this helpful advice for people hoping to reduce the risk of injuries or conflicts with neighbors and visitors.

Keep your dogs and other pets away from the action. Normally passive and friendly dogs can become frightened and defensive when strangers dressed in scary outfits start invading their yards. Dog bites are one of the most common Halloween problems.

Don't take your dog trick-or-treating with you either. Their behavioral problems only multiply when the dog is on unfamiliar ground.

No open flames. The availability of LED candles makes open flames in pumpkins or paper bags an unnecessary danger. Most of the big creative costumes you see on Halloween are the result of clever people using materials they have at hand. Store-bought costumes must meet certain safety requirements, but these homemade creations can be very flammable needing nothing more than a passing cigarette lighter to ignite them.

"Jump and scare" can be dangerous. However, it's also such a common tactic on Halloween that it can be used against trick-or-treaters. If you have enough yard space you can create a long spooky hall or passage way. Go ahead and light it well so everyone can see the ground, walls and, of course, all those doors, windows or other openings for someone to jump out and scare unsuspecting victims.

Add a nice big arrow pointing the way in and a good obvious name like "Hallway of Death." Then just sit back and do nothing. There's great entertainment in watching the frightened kids go carefully along the passage but you will have to deal with their disappointment at the end.

If you are going to leave your home unattended on Halloween turn off your porch light and any external yard lights. But don't leave your house open to burglars. Leave your TV on along with

your kitchen lights. Kitchen lights are good for this because the kitchen can rarely be seen from outside by would-be thieves, and someone in the kitchen usually represents an active, alert person in the house.

Many people have parties or other commitments away from home, or just don't want their house involved in trick-or-treating. In close communities like University Heights (UH), most porch lights are out on Halloween because the residents are out trick-or-treating with their children. When I was young the neighborhood kids would boast about carrying bags of rotten eggs on Halloween to punish any houses not giving out treats. This was largely untrue but represented a clever political move by the kids to increase the candy haul that year. Yes, a little rumor-fueled candy extortion by proxy is all part of the game.

As in years past, I am glad to advise people about trick-or-treating around their house and provide theatrical lighting free of charge to keep neighborhoods safe on Halloween. I also keep a supply of professional spray-on flame retardant if



you are worried about the flammability of your costumes or props.

Don't forget to stop by Trick-or-Treat on Maryland Street and say "Hello" to Norbert the Dragon this Halloween. Also keep a sharp eye out for Mad Mary, who haunts the attic window of a house on Madison near Cleveland. She can now be seen every night through Halloween, and, if you're lucky, she may even sing to you.

If you have questions about Halloween in University Heights or need safe trick-or-treat lighting, contact Andy at [trickortreat@cox.net](mailto:trickortreat@cox.net). —By Andy Cameron

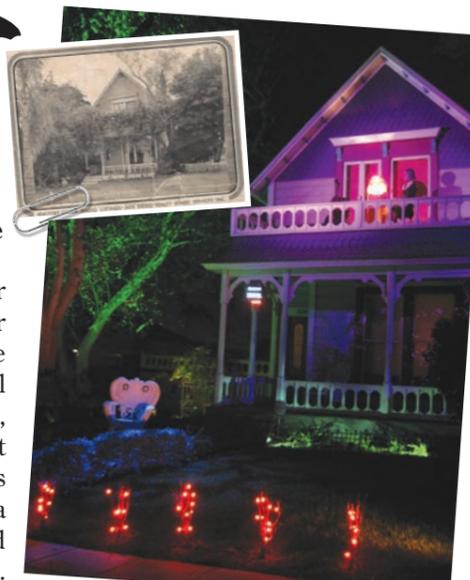
## A Victorian Beauty in UH

**Favorite Halloween Haunt Exemplifies this Traditional Style**

What kind of house do you have? If your home in University Heights (UH) is over 80 years of age, it was probably built in the Victorian, Craftsman or Spanish-Colonial Revival style of architecture. Of these, Victorian homes are the oldest, with most built between 1860 and 1900. These types of houses feature steeply pitched roofs, a front-facing gable, patterned shingles, and an asymmetrical facade with a front porch. Downtown San Diego, Banker's Hill and Hillcrest have a lot of Victorian homes as most of these neighborhoods preceded the development of University Heights.

There are only a few of these delicate Victorian ladies left and we are profiling one here. You may know this house if you have ever visited Maryland on Halloween because this is the Bates Motel, from the movie "Psycho," located at 4366 Maryland. The owner, Rich Wise, decorates the house with the old lady upstairs carrying a big knife and rocking in her chair. It makes for a very spooky atmosphere especially with Norbert the Dragon right next door.

But what you might not have known is that this Victorian was not built here. It was actually moved to its current location on Maryland in 1921. That's right. It was actually built near 16th and B Streets downtown. The current owner has been restoring the lovely lady ever since he moved into it in 1992. His renovations have included a Victorian-inspired



English garden, refinishing the original wood floors, remodeling the kitchen and painting the exterior in a seven-color palette that includes the most famous hue, Mystic Grape.

The owner produced a realtor's listing for this house when it sold in 1962; the price back then was \$25,000 and that included all the furniture and all the antiques. That's quite a deal. The listing also included information on how many blocks the house was from the bus (three) and how far from the nearest church (one-half mile).

"It's been a labor of love. There is always something to do," says the owner of this beautiful Victorian. We appreciate his willingness to take care of this lovely lady. And although this beauty has not yet been historically designated, she is a treasure in our own little community and an important part of San Diego's history.

By Melinda Pajak



# PUMPKIN

A month or so after my cat Rainbow died, my neighbor knocked at my door, holding a six-month-old orange and white cat with a BIG fluffy tail. She said she had found him wandering the streets in Imperial Beach and he was quite hungry and thirsty. So I took him in and named him Pumpkin—not very original!

As he began to gain weight and feel at home, the fun started. While running around the house with daily attacks of the "crazies," he managed to smash my TV by knocking it off the stand, break a window by skidding the end of a book case into it, break two lamps by repeatedly knocking them over and ruin two house plants.

After conquering the living and dining rooms, he somehow scaled the upper kitchen cupboard and knocked several wine glasses to the floor in order to make room for himself. Moving on to the refrigerator Pumpkin would lie on any available shelf to cool himself off. He did manage to get himself closed in for a few minutes one time when he crawled to the back of the shelf.

Finished with the fridge, he managed to jump on the gas stove in such a way that he turned on a burner resulting in flames high enough for a campfire. Fortunately, I was at home and was alerted by the clicking sound: no knobs on my stove any longer. I cook with one eye on the stove and one on Pumpkin.

He's since stopped hanging from the shower rod in the bathroom, having moved on to chasing things out doors. Last week he caught a very long worm on my back patio and, in true hunter fashion, brought it into the house. I didn't find it until I went to bed where I found that he had deposited on the sheet.

Because he liked me but would bite me with no warning, I had a cat psychic come to commune with him. He told her he liked his home, loved me and was not aware that his bites hurt. The communing didn't break his biting habit unfortunately!

Pumpkin now weighs 17-plus pounds and will walk on a leash. He is quite the hunter and would love to get birds and squirrels to add to his success with lizards. Except for the two big dogs who are loud and have run at him—whereupon he took refuge on my head—Pumpkin likes the other dogs and cats in my complex. I do love him, in spite of everything, as he is soft, gorgeous and loving (on his terms), and he keeps me thoroughly entertained.



Got a pet? Got a story? Want some press for your pet? Send your story and a picture of your pet to Nan McGraw at [nmcgsan@aol.com](mailto:nmcgsan@aol.com).

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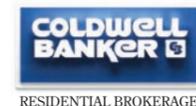
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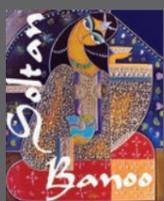
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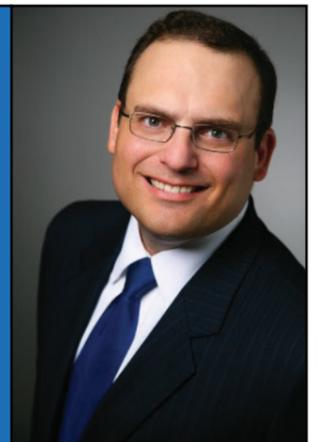
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