

THURS JUNE 1

UHCA MEETING

ALICE BIRNEY ELEMENTARY

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ALL ABOUT GARDENS AND TREES



Our UHCA meeting on June first will feature speaker Julie Engel, who will speak about her vertical garden hydroponic “Tower Garden” growing system. This unique technology is used to grow vegetables in small spaces efficiently, without soil.

LOOKING AHEAD

UHCA DOES NOT MEET

IN JULY & AUGUST

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

NEXT MEETING SEP 7

Our next speaker, Katie Buess, will discuss the topic of water conservation, landscaping choices for drought situations, and the various government rebate programs available to residents. Katie is a graduate student in a joint program of Miami University and the Zoological Society of San Diego. Michelle Fenwick will then present her report on the next steps for Tree Mapping in University Heights. Your input is still needed, especially those of you living in Zones 4, 5, and 6. You can help Michelle complete her map and move forward

with the City of San Diego’s Urban Forestry program. Speaking of gardens, the Mother of all gardens was in University Heights long ago. Mission Cliff Gardens was the precursor to Balboa Park and a city-wide destination on weekends when the trolleys ran up Park Boulevard. More about this “Jewel of University Heights” elsewhere in this newspaper. Images of those gardens and other historic photographs will be on display at the June 1 meeting. Please plan to attend our June meeting, where you can learn about Tower Gardens and water conservation; help Michelle complete her tree map; view our historic photos; buy our new summer merchandise; and enjoy light refreshments. New T-shirts and totes will be available. Be the first on your block to sport the UH look. This is the last meeting before our summer break. Our next UHCA meeting will be September 7.

UH URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM TREE MAP

New Tree Locations



STREET SEEN ONWARD & UPWARD

From the lotus, papyrus, and date palms of ancient Egypt’s tombs, up the centuries to Le Nôtre, and on to Jekyll and Sissinghurst, virtual gardening through books and travel is divine diversion. Meandering the paths of lore about gardeners and plant hunters of the past; conjuring the great botanical crystal palace glasshouses and winter gardens of the 19th century; and then physically strolling through Monet’s creation at Giverny, the treasures of Kew Gardens and New York’s Botanical Garden in the Bronx, San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park Conservatory of Flowers, and Balboa Park’s proud Botanical Building and lily pond provide inspiration for our home gardens. It all culminates in the thrill of finally seeing a swath of sapphire blue poppies from the Himalayas or rare orchids from China somewhere on our own shores. The reality of drought has brought an onslaught of “sticks on fire” and aloes to our front yards, but consider some prettier options like planting pretty low-water trees and shrubs with soft pink and lavender blossoms, the dancing white tulle of Matilija

poppies, and fragrant periwinkle-blue Cleveland sage. Historic plant sources like **Mission Hills Nursery** and **Walter Andersen Nursery** and “country cousin” **City Farmers Nursery** can supply it all, plus essential garden tools, and more arcane garden weasels, fruit pickers, beekeeping supplies, and bird netting. While shopping amid the seedlings and mulch, check out the selections of rare and unusual seeds. Seed catalogs make splendid reading, including older ones, as wittily championed by none other than the *New Yorker’s* late Katherine S. White, in **Onward and Upward in the Garden** (Chapter One, but don’t stop there). Other favorite vintage reads are **A Joy of Gardening** by Vita Sackville-West and Eleanor Perényi’s **Green Thoughts**.

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Kantan Brass Sunbather rocker by Brown Jordan. Hauser's Patio.



Flower pot and oil jar by Bauer Pottery. Grounded.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER CAROL NEIDENBERG

For those who helped out or simply participated in the Park Blvd 20th anniversary sign celebration, I want to personally thank you. It was a lot of fun and so many people came together to make it happen. One merchant commented: “We should make this an annual event, The Annual UH Sign Lighting & Street Fair!” What the event showed was that UH is a unique and distinctive community. Not part of Normal Heights, Hillcrest, or North Park.

UH has a proud history of being a community. Beginning with the hope of starting the USC College of Fine Arts, the neighborhood was mapped out street by street, and subsequently land was sold with an eye toward capturing the paychecks of teachers and other workers at the soon-to-be-built Normal School.

When I moved to UH in the late 1980s, it wasn't a community that many people even heard of. The most common question was whether I bought a house in

University City. These days, a growing number of people have heard of UH and would even like to live here. For a number of reasons - restaurants, cafes, walkability, proximity to downtown, Balboa Park, friendliness of residents, shopkeepers, diverse housing stock, and mature trees and shrubs. Not to mention the reputation that Birney Elementary School now enjoys. Thanks to an innovative principal and caring teachers. Individuals wonder how they can move back into the community once they've left.

Families with young children also want to live in UH. My block alone has so many little ones I wonder why a co-op daycare center hasn't already been formed.

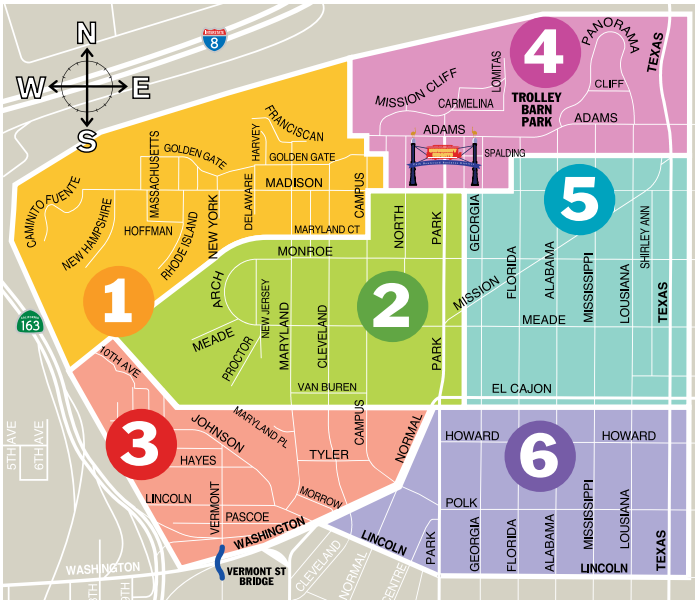
I wish more people could afford to live in UH. Families, couples, single individuals. That's what keeps a neighborhood vibrant. At the sign event, it was an honor to be president of this community association. I met many neighbors I didn't know and they felt the same as I did. Proud to be a resident of UH.

UHCA NEWS

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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BOUNDARIES AND ZONE WATCH



Zone Watch Coordinators manage email lists of participants wishing to receive University Heights crime watch information and updates. Download more on the UH Zone Watch program at uhsd.org or contact your zone's coordinator, or Nan McGraw.

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NEW CRIME WATCH SIGNS
Be on the lookout for our new signs coming soon. If you know of an old dilapidated sign that should be given priority, please email UHCA Secretary Kurt Hermansen at: kdh@habeaskurtus.com.

SLOW DOWN SIGNS
Speeding on neighborhood streets in UH is a chronic problem. Shaving time off trips by speeding has small benefits and high risks. If your neighbors can't let their kids play outside because of you, set your alarm clock 15 minutes ahead and slow down.

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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ONWARD & UPWARD

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Alas, no shops exist in our Heights to gather up any new garden furniture, or even tools, so essential to enjoying your garden. Venture nearby to Hillcrest, where **Ace Hillcrest Hardware** has an ever-expanding selection of furniture in the season's blue, orange, yellow, and white and a reasonable array of tools. For more cutting-edge design, Fermob French bistro sets, in a full rainbow of hues, are found at **Pigment** in North Park.

The venerable **Hauser's Patio** on Morena Blvd. stocks classic designer outdoor brands like Brown Jordan, Tropitone, and Seaside Casual. Great accessories found here, too. Put the top down and dash up the coast to **Grounded** in Encinitas for high design like Richard Schultz mid-century outdoor furniture. The trip also nets Bauer Pottery, Architectural Pottery, or an Alessi Kiwi watering can with a long beak.

SoloBee native bee shelters, which have gone viral all over the country, are made locally, though for classic handmade trugs and Old World dibbles, you just may have to go online to some tiny village in the UK. Wish list for University Heights: A design store of our very own!

—The Unknown Shopper



SoloBee native bee shelter. SoloBee.com



Dune daybed and ottoman by Barlow Tyrie. Grounded.



Kiwi watering cans by Alessi. Grounded.



Sirius Series cantilever umbrella, Hauser's Patio.



Bistro table and chair by Fermob. Pigment.



Solar lanterns. Grounded.

LIFE BEFORE THERE WAS A UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS SIGN

I am going to takes us back 20 years, and maybe even 120 years... University Heights is a colorful story of boom and bust, decline and Renaissance.

When I first moved to University Heights in 1989, it was an area melded into the metropolis, seemingly faceless, nameless, and lost in time - with some formidable decline. Having grown up in the more modern Mission Bay area, moving to the mid-city was somewhat of a culture shock. There were many sleazy bars and shuttered businesses, blight, and rampant graffiti, not to mention the nightly buzz of police helicopters in nearby North Park, shining their spotlights on the bad guys. I was beginning to see that my affordable housing choice—well, I got what I paid for.

On my property deed, it said I lived in University Heights. Yet across the street was the Hillcrest Post Office and a few more blocks in the same direction was the University Heights Library. Where exactly did I live and how did the community identify get so confused? At the time there was no sign identifying the community. If you said you lived in University Heights, many folks would easily get that confused with City Heights or even University City.

But once I peeled back the layers of history and looked under the feathers, I learned I was in the forgotten empire of the once great College Hill Land Association and its University Heights Land Development, one of the first major subdivisions of San Diego.

The visionaries had the grandest of plans, centering around an institution of higher education, which was to be an outpost of the University of Southern California, along with a steam powered cable car line and a grand public park. Long before Balboa Park. As the pages of history came alive, I started to look around with new eyes at its surroundings. I studied the eclectic home designs, from Craftsman and Mission to Spanish Colonial Revival. I took a walking tour led by the local historian and preservationist Alex Bevil, and I learned more about the historic importance of nearly every aspect of University Heights. And it wasn't all glory. The land boom of the 1880s ended in a bust. Land values plummeted, the university was never built, and the early cable car company folded.

Let's move forward 100 years. Through the vision of business owner David Heinen, a street-spanning community sign was planned. And through the tireless grant writing efforts of Ernestine Bonn and Christopher Milnes, what seemed like a mountain of red tape and funding barriers were leveled to pave the way for the sign. Then City Councilman Ron Roberts and others got on board with enthusiasm to make it happen.

So in 1995, the University Heights Community Association announced there would be a contest to design a fitting sign to reestablish the University Heights identity. An idea immediately popped into my head of a sign that would capture all of the historic vignettes that make up the fabric of this most terrific of neighborhoods that I had fallen in love with.

20TH ANNIVERSARY UH SIGN CELEBRATION IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Twenty years ago, the University Heights business district had no restaurants and no real identity. It's fair to say most residents didn't even realize this area had a name and a history. The installation of the University Heights Street Sign spanning Park Boulevard gave our neighborhood an identity for the first time in recent memory.



UHCA President Carol Neidenberg, Supervisor Ron Roberts, Paul Farris & Nan McGraw.

Fast forward 20 years, and a lot has changed. On Saturday, April 29, the University Heights Community Association (UHCA) held a celebration for the 20th anniversary of the initial sign lighting. Somehow the event magically morphed from a mere celebration of the sign into a celebration of the neighborhood and business district itself. Folks who purchased a wrist band could go to each restaurant for a small taste of the food while listening to a live band. Walking around to each restaurant in one evening, it really hit home what an amazing melting pot our neck of the woods is. Restaurants owned by folks born in America live happily beside ones owned by immigrants from Africa, Thailand, Iran, Mexico, Italy, Greece, and France. Everyone from organizers to participants to attendees were happily surprised at how fun and vibrant the event was. And it was far more successful than anticipated, attracting about four times the number of attendees that had been predicted, leaving most restaurants scrambling to prepare more food to hand out.



Photos by Beth Miller. See more on our website & Facebook.

Many people worked to make this event happen, but special accolades go to local realtor Mary Anne Stevens who along with Twiggs officer, Bernie Horan, stepped in with one week to go and worked full throttle to make the event a success. Thanks to Park & Rec for the use of their space for staging and electricity. A special note of thanks goes to Abel Woldemichael, owner of Muzita Abyssinian restaurant. His personal phone calls got every restaurant in the block to participate. Responding to a post-event thank you note, Abel eloquently replied, "Thank you for your kind words. This community has embraced the restaurant, my family and my extended family. It was a memorable event as the future for UH gets brighter and brighter. This community reflects what's right because all the businesses and neighbors embraced that we need each other not just to survive, but thrive and create a community for the next generation, such as my kids."

Living as we are in a time of increasing nationalism, the event was a wonderful reminder that we all can get along. Our differences don't need to be threatening. Together we make University Heights a vibrant, diverse, and interesting community.

—Dan Stringfield



I was humbly surprised and honored when my "historic" design was an early favorite and was the only one standing after the elimination rounds. I soon became involved in the process of selecting the sign contractor, only to be told by one of the largest sign companies in town that the design could not be produced - that the eggs we needed had been spheres instead of the oval shape required.

Then along came legendary Young Electric Sign Company (YESCO), the Utah-based company with the iconic historical signs of Las Vegas and builder of Las Vegas Vic, Circus Circus, the Stardust, and the Wynn Hotel signs, and the recently completed Fremont Street Experience. Many more of their iconic signs are now in the Neon Museum in Las Vegas.

With the help of Janet Wood at the City of San Diego, the year-long fabricating and construction process began. I made monthly trips to YESCO's facility in Ontario, California, to check on the progress of the sign construction and oversee the design details. I had the honor of watching each neon letterform being hand blown.

Footings were dug eight feet deep, and a box beam frame was computer bent into an arch to make the 58-foot span. And on a bright, sunny spring day, with hundreds watching, cranes lifted the crowning cable car to its new perch. And on that stormy evening in April 1997, Mayor Susan Golding flipped this same switch to illuminate our community forever.



Speech delivered by Kevin Whaley, Designer of the University Heights Sign, At the 20th Anniversary Sign Relighting Ceremony on April 29, 2017.



MISSION CLIFF GARDENS
The Jewel of University Heights

Ours is a community rich in history. Only the redwood gate, cobblestone walls, and a number of Queen Palms remain of the once grand entrance to Mission Cliff Gardens at the north end of Park Blvd. North beyond the fence was the lily pond near the center of the extensive gardens touted as the “Jewel of University Heights.” In the mid 1880’s, San Diego Cable Railway took over an unsuccessful line and developed a small park called The Bluffs, running cable cars from downtown to a Mission Valley overlook. After the Cable Railway failed, Kerper’s Citizens Traction Company took over, restoring The Bluffs as an attraction and renaming it Mission Cliff Park. It became “the place” to go Sunday afternoons when dancing parties, outdoor Shakespeare productions, a shooting gallery, and a German Beer Garden were featured. When Citizens Traction Co. went into receivership, the holdings obtained by San Diego Electric Railway (the Spreckels Co.) included tracks, rolling stock, a power plant, 327 University Heights lots, and Mission Cliff Park.

The new owner, J.D. Spreckels, wanting to showcase the trolley line destination as a botanical garden, hired Scottish-born landscape gardener J.D. Davidson as Park Superintendent. Davidson and his workers used cobblestones extracted from the grounds and nearby canyons to line the walkways, build paths, and erect walls throughout the steadily expanding park. Looking down North Avenue in UH, you can imagine the once grand State Normal School.

All that remains of the lily pond is the circular cobblestone wall, built by Davidson and some of his workers. Today the pond is filled with turf and maintained by surrounding neighbors. To the north stood an expansive two-story Pavilion designed by prominent local architect W.S. Hebbard in 1889. The Davidson family lived in the east and west wings of the Pavilion for three decades. The building had a Japanese-like shingled roof that extended over a wide veranda on all sides. A Japanese tea garden, a picnic ground, and an aviary were nearby.

Attend the UHCA meeting June 1 to see photos of our historic neighborhood. The history of other historic sites in UH, the Ostrich Farm and the Trolley Barn, will be covered in the UHCA July/August News. –UH 125 Heritage Tour Guidebook 2013

JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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HILLCREST FARMERS MARKET Lincoln & Cleveland 9 am - 2 pm			UHDC Meeting 4452 Park Blvd. 6:30 pm	UH Rec Council Meeting 5:30 pm UHCA Meeting Alice Birney Elementary 6:30 pm		THE POINT CLEAN UP 1:30 - 3:30 pm Golden Gate btwn RI & Del. ART AROUND ADAMS 12 - 8 pm
4 HILLCREST FARMERS MARKET 9 am - 2 pm Rock ‘n’ Roll Clean Up 9-11 am, corner of Pascoe and Lincoln.	5 UHCA News Deadline for July/Aug issue, Articles & Advertising	6 Uptown Planners Joyce Beers Center Uptown Center 6 pm	7	8 	9	10
11 HILLCREST FARMERS MARKET 9 am - 2 pm	12	13 Hillcrest Town Council Joyce Beers Center Uptown Complex 6 pm Friends of the Library UH Chapter UH Branch Library 6 pm	14 	15	16 PREVIEW BOOK SALE Friends of the Library Members Only UH Library 3-6 pm	17 BOOK SALE Friends of the UH Library 8 am -3 pm, UH Library
18 FATHER'S DAY HILLCREST FARMERS MARKET 9 am - 2 pm BOOK SALE Friends of the UH Library Noon -4 pm, UH Library		20 NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 North Park Way 6:30 pm	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER LIBRARY TASK FORCE UH Library 6:30 pm	22 	23	24
25 HILLCREST FARMERS MARKET 9 am - 2 pm	26	27 uhca.news July & August Issue Out	28 UH Book Club & Salon 6:30 pm UH Library	29	30	1

EATING OUT IN UH

American Market	4395 Cleveland Ave.	296-8333
Bahia Mexican & Seafood	1985 El Cajon Blvd.	542-0540
Bahn Thai	4646 Park Blvd.	299-6363
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Circa Restaurant	2121 Adams Ave.	296-9152
Cueva Bar	2123 Adams Ave.	269-6612
El Zarape	4642 Park Blvd.	692-1652
Flavors of East Africa	2322 El Cajon Blvd.	955-8778
Grains	2201 Adams Ave.	269-5999
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Hope at Lafayette	2223 El Cajon Blvd.	780-0358
Lestat's on Park	4496 Park Blvd.	501-6638
Loving Hut	1905 El Cajon Blvd.	683-9490
Madison	4622 Park Blvd.	296-6566
Mama's Bakery & Lebanese Deli	4237 Alabama St.	688-0717
Meraki Café	1735 Adams Ave.	269-9618
Muzita Abyssinian Bistro	4651 Park Blvd.	546-7900
Mystic Mocha	2105 Mission Ave.	688-0858
Park Boulevard Deli	4504 Park Blvd.	295-1362
Park House Eatery	4574 Park Blvd.	295-7275
Pizzeria Bruno Napoletano	4207 Park Blvd.	260-1311
Pizzeria Luigi	2121 El Cajon Blvd.	294-9417
Plumeria Vegetarian Cuisine	4661 Park Blvd.	269-9989
Pomegranate Restaurant	2312 El Cajon Blvd.	297-4007
Pop Pie Co.	4404 Park Blvd.	501-4440
Red Fox Steak House	2223 El Cajon Blvd.	297-1313
Red House Pizza	4615 Park Blvd.	546-7430
Small Bar	4628 Park Blvd.	795-7998
Soltan Banoo	4645 Park Blvd.	298-2801
Sprouts Market & Deli	4175 Park Blvd.	291-8287
Summer's Market	4602 Park Blvd.	296-0504
Twiggs	4590 Park Blvd.	296-0616
Twisted Taps (brews & chews)	2302 El Cajon Blvd.	542-9927
Wing Stop	1901 El Cajon Blvd.	297-9464

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

In the absence of UHCA President Carol Neidenberg, Vice President Maureen Markey conducted the meeting. The Crime Watch part of the meeting started at 6:45 pm with a short talk by Han Hershman from the San Diego City Attorney’s office, followed by questions and answers. Citizens Patrol provided a short presentation about their role as the eyes and ears of the police force. Citizens Patrol, which has about 30 volunteers, uses blue and white marked vehicles for patrols, mostly at night and mostly on weekends. As the final aspect of the Crime Watch part of the meeting, Nan McGraw talked about several programs that make UH a safer neighborhood: the Coffee with the Cops program and the UH Zone Watch program.

The main part of the meeting began at 7 pm with brief remarks by our Third District City Councilmember, Chris Ward. We are in budget season now. There is a projected deficit this year, and the City Council is working to find one-time solutions. We won't see a reduction in core services, but there are tough choices to be made. Councilmember Ward believes the arts are critical for the community, but the arts and culture program is facing drastic cuts. Budget discussions are ongoing through this month. Councilmember Ward is Vice Chair (representing the City of San Diego) with Ron Roberts (representing San Diego County) of the Regional Task Force on Homelessness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mary Beth Chruden announced that help is needed for the Rock and Roll Marathon cleanup and she updated everyone on all the wonderful cleanup efforts by the UHCA Beautification Committee.
Brittany Bailey of Chris Ward’s office invited everyone to contact her if they need the city’s help. She said Stacie Spector is working double overtime to help turn the homelessness trends around.
Maureen Markey thanked all those involved in organizing, participating in, sponsoring, and executing a very successful 20th Anniversary of the UH Sign Celebration, which took place on Saturday, April 29.
John Hartley spoke regarding Neighborhoods for Fair Elections and handed out flyers. sdfairelections.com
Our featured speaker for the evening, Stacie Spector, spoke regarding the coordination of efforts in San Diego to find workable solutions to the problem of homelessness. Ms. Spector was hired last fall by Mayor Faulconer’s office to address this specific problem, and she has been working with multiple local, state, and federal agencies to organize and spearhead that effort. Although we have numerous nonprofit agencies and government entities working on behalf of the homeless, lots of resources, and multiple stakeholders across the region, until now there has been no overarching plan or centralized system to coordinate and most effectively direct those efforts. Ms. Spector works closely with

HUD, the Regional Taskforce for the Homeless, the San Diego Housing Commission, the Mayor’s office, the County Board of Supervisors, and the City Council, and many other organizations in order to develop a coordinated approach. Several of the short-term goals include 200-400 temporary beds, a 24/7 bed availability hotline, a support service assessment center, a triage system to assess and address the individual needs of each homeless person, including mental health challenges, addiction, and available subsidies. Long-term goals include permanent housing, jobs, and whole person wellness. A lively question and answer session followed Ms. Spector’s talk. Both Ms. Spector and various audience members reminded us to keep in mind that the homeless are human beings who have been caught in some of life’s unfortunate circumstances and that we should treat them with the dignity and respect they deserve.
–Kurt Hermansen & Maureen Markey

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OUR NEW NEIGHBOR

Dharma Bum Buddhist Temple



It is a bit of a miracle that a small non-profit Buddhist organization was able to inspire a community and save the venerable old Swedenborgian Church building at the corner of Campus Ave. and Tyler St. (4144 Campus Ave.) from being torn down. The Spanish-Mediterranean Revival structure, designed by noted San Diego architect Louis J. Gill in the early 1930s, and its rock garden, designed by respected landscape designer Fred Wylie, are certainly community treasures worth saving. Something very special happened over the last six months, and we are incredibly honored and humbled to once again open the doors of this sacred space. I truly believe Emanuel Swedenborg would be proud of our effort as we now love and care for this beloved old building and preserve its function as a spiritual, cultural, and educational magnet for University Heights.

Nearly 1,200 people in 108 days supported our capital campaign to raise the funds for a down payment. Many of the donors we have never met and some of them reside in University Heights. We are eternally grateful for all the support, helping us turn this dream into a reality.

Ten years ago, we founded the Dharma Bum Temple in downtown San Diego as a place where, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability, people can gather in peace and quiet. Most of the people who attend our meditation classes are not Buddhist; they simply seek peace of mind. Learning to think good thoughts, speak good words, and do good deeds is the essence of our practice.

Now open on the first floor of the Temple is the Buddha for You Gift Shop, which was in the college area for sixteen years. We have gift items from Nepal, Bali, India, and Thailand to help you create your own peaceful place at home. Please stop in any time to check out Buddha for You or to sit quietly in our beautiful meditation hall.

Please visit www.thedharmabums.org for the class schedule or www.buddha-for-you.com for gift shop hours and information. All meditation classes are free. Just show up. Thank you for welcoming us into your community!
- Jeffrey Zlotnik,
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GARDEN OF THE MONTH

Gardening Adventures in UH

We've lived in University Heights for a little more than five years now, and considering our fulltime work schedules, we've done a lot to our front and back yards. After we moved into our home, we removed our front lawn and shrubs and replaced them with xeriscape rocks and drought tolerant plants like aloe, agave, cactus, rosemary, crape myrtle trees, and bougainvillea on a trellis. (Our neighbors were very patient with us during this process.)

In the back yard, we created an extensive vegetable garden, which includes five 8'x4' raised boxes (waist high so we don't have to bend over), and several smaller boxes. We planted seven trees: fig, peach, apricot, grapefruit, blood orange, lime, and lemon. The fig, grapefruit, and lemon trees have been the most productive. During our first summer in the house, we had a bountiful crop of peaches, so sweet and juicy we could hardly believe our taste buds.

Our summer crops have included string beans, okra, peppers (bell, serrano, and jalapeño), strawberries, strawberry guavas, persimmons, pomegranates, passion fruit, two types of figs, three varieties of summer squash, three kinds of cucumbers, and all types of tomatoes. This spring we've had tremendous luck with fava beans. During the winter months, we've grown romaine lettuce, butter lettuce, chard, mustard greens, collard greens, and three kinds of kale. Most recently we planted broccoli. Although the broccoli flowers never appeared, we still enjoyed eating the broccoli leaves, which cook faster than collard greens and have a slightly sweet flavor. A garden would not be complete without fresh herbs; rosemary, thyme, bay leaves, oregano, basil, and three kinds of mint are available to us almost year round.



Our garden includes two composters, to which we add all our fruit and vegetable scraps, and a worm farm, which generates castings that can be worked into the soil. We've also added water capture and water conservation systems. One of the downspouts at the back of the house diverts rain water into a swale, which waters the fruit trees and the mint. A second downspout directs water into two 500-gallon rain barrels, which store water for use in watering either the front or backyard. The garage's single downspout diverts rainwater into a 1000-gallon rain barrel for use in watering the backyard exclusively. The raised beds have a drip irrigation system on a computerized timer that reduces watering on cooler days. Some of our backyard plants, like our roses and some other fruit trees, are watered with graywater that runs through a filtration system to drip irrigation hoses.

We are both vegans, so it is wonderful to be able to go out into the garden and pick fresh, organically grown produce. We've also learned how to can and preserve, and we now have several jars of whole tomatoes and tomato sauce made from our own crops. The serranos and jalapeños went into jars of home-made escabeche (the Mexican condiment of peppers marinated in vinegar with carrots and onions). And we've also learned how to ferment vegetables. Through fermentation, we've turned a harvest of cucumbers into jars of lacto-fermented, probiotic pickles, which are excellent at promoting digestive health. Eating our own organic food has really made life a delicious experience!
- Kurt Hermansen & Ron Shaheen



IN MEMORIAM

For anyone who likes to walk around University Heights (and who doesn't?), you are probably familiar with Sergio Aguilar. Handsome and tan with muscular legs, Sergio could be seen walking his small golden retriever, Darwin, every day. Each morning, Sergio would take Darwin up to Birney Elementary School at 6:30 am to meet and play with his fellow four-legged friends.

You may also know Sergio from having beers on Sunday afternoons while watching the Chargers at his favorite local bars, Cheers or Flicks.

For those of you who don't know, Sergio was born in Guatemala and came to the US when he was only 16 years old. He started out in Seattle and then made his way down to San Diego. He lived with his husband, Patrick Howland, in UH since they bought their house in 1997. You can easily recognize their house because the front door is always open so their cats and dog can roam freely.

Alas, Sergio was diagnosed with brain cancer last year. After a hard-fought battle with several surgeries, chemotherapy, and radiation, he succumbed to the disease on April 25th.

Sergio is survived by his husband and soul mate, Patrick, as well as his furry family - cats, Champ and Moe, and his dog, Darwin. Sergio was a valued neighbor and friend to many in UH, and an irreplaceable companion to his husband and family. He will be sorely missed.
-Monica Lancot



Enrollment is open at Birney Elementary for the 2017-18 school year. Families living within Birney's enrollment boundaries simply need to come to the Birney Main Office to enroll your child for the 2017-18 school year. Families who requested Birney through SD USD's School Choice program should have been notified already. Contact the office at 619-497-3500 with any questions. To determine if Birney is your neighborhood school, go to www.sandiegounified.org/schoolfinder.

The entire community is welcome to attend Birney Elementary's annual International Festival, Passport to Adventure, on June 24th from 11am to 4 pm, hosted by the Birney PTA. Each grade level will feature the food, games, and fun facts from countries such as Zimbabwe, Pakistan, United Kingdom, Mexico, Samoa, and Spain. Every child who attends gets a free passport to be stamped at each country's booth. Admission is free. Additional games and crafts like mystery grab bags and tie-dyed shirts are available at a minimal cost.

We are looking for donations of time and performance from cultural entertainment artists on our stage, as well as any food vendors, food trucks, or community organizations who would like to

have a booth at this well-attended event. Although we are thrilled to have representatives from the countries students will be researching, we find that students love to see entertainment from around the world. Please contact us at info@birneypta.com if you would like to be part of this showcase event on June 24th.

Finally, two events to keep in mind as we look ahead to July:

- Tuesday, July 11th, we will be hosting our last Birney Dines Out event of the year at California Pizza Kitchen in Fashion Valley from 11 am-11 pm. Pick up a flyer from the Birney office to give 20 percent back to Birney.

- Birney has Pride on Saturday, July 15th as well as some of the best parking in town. Plan now to come early and park in the District lot for a donation to the Friends of Alice Birney Elementary—all proceeds go directly to paying our instructors in art, Spanish, and garden.

- Kim Schultz

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ROO NEWS



A BIG THANK YOU

Summer vacation for Roosevelt Middle School begins on June 15. A big thank you goes out to all our community partners for supporting us throughout the year. Roosevelt will likely be offering parking for major Balboa Park events and busy Zoo days over the summer, so don't forget this convenient place to park and support Roosevelt. -Laura Dadmun



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SUMMER CAMPS

Summer is just around the corner. In a few short weeks, teachers will pass the baton to parents. If they are lucky, their children will entertain themselves for two weeks. After that, all bets are off. Parents can expect to come home from work to find their children in a junk food fueled electronic haze. Your weapon of choice might be summer camp! This exposure to independence, imaginative experiences, new friends, and a little mind muscle has an old-fashioned appeal. Although there are numerous camps available, I am listing a few that my grandchildren have found quite delightful. -Patti Wild



Junior Theater of San Diego
juniortheatre.com/2017/03/2017-Summer-Camps-Now-Enrolling
Half-day Camp: Pre-K & K only . Full-day Camp: Grades K thru 12th. Junior Theatre offers introductory to advanced one- to two-week day camps in voice, acting, and dance, which then culminate in an end-of-camp presentation. Every session explores a different theme, so students are welcome to sign up for multiple sessions. Early drop-off and aftercare are available.

San Diego Museum of Art (SDMA)
sdmart.org/summer-youth-art-programs
Ages K- 5th. Summer Youth Art Programs give students the opportunity to learn from artist-educators while enjoying the Museum and the bounty of Balboa Park. Summer Camp Studios include art instruction, studio activities, lunch and snack breaks, and visits to the Museum to see current exhibitions.



Rare Hare Studio - eco9.com/rareharestudio
Since 2008 Rare Hare Studio has offered art classes to children, ages preschool through 8th grade, introducing a wide variety of materials and techniques. Students are encouraged to explore supplies and tools freely, as well as to participate in guided lessons. Basic artistic elements such as line, shape, color, texture, form, space, and value, as well as design concepts, are discussed and practiced at appropriate grade levels.

Camp Fire (Balboa Park) - campcahito.org
Ages 5-13, Traditional day camp includes Archery, Hiking, Low Ropes, Water Day Thursday, Arts and Crafts, Fort Building, and Organized Games.



Water Sports Camp at Mission Bay Aquatic Club - watersportscamp.com
Qualified swimmers ages 6-17, specialized camps in wakeboarding, surfing, sailing, kayaking, stand up paddling, windsurfing, intro to watersports, and marine science.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

GRAINS



I'm happy to report that a new vegetarian restaurant has opened on Adams Ave. in University Heights. My wife and I met another couple at Grains during their soft opening. The open interior was welcoming with a rustic farmhouse look. The owners built the tables, benches, and stools themselves. They are simple, with good finishes, but a bit of back support would have been a welcome addition. The concrete floors made the space a bit loud, even with few people. However, we were told that decorating and finishing were not quite complete.

The first thing to come out was the beer list with twenty beers on tap. The list is painted on a charming wooden board that is brought to the table. There was also a wine list and other beverages.

A look at the menu shows that Grains is different from most newer vegetarian restaurants. The dishes eschew the faux meats that are now common. Instead, they favor more creative, fresh ingredients. The soft open menu wasn't extensive, but gave us plenty of options to get a good taste of the fare.

We had two appetizers. The Grilled Mushroom Calamari was delicious. The King Oyster Mushrooms provided the firm, but squishy texture grilled in oil and garlic. The sauce was sweet and spicy, adding to the flavor without overwhelming the natural tastes. The Buffalo Cauliflower was what you might expect. The cauliflower still had a good crunch, and the buffalo sauce was tasty, not too vinegary.

The entrees were also good. The Tom Kha soup was creamier than I'm accustomed to with a wonderful blend of flavors. It was tangy more than spicy. The Asian food expert in our group gave it a big thumbs up. There were three dishes on the menu made with quinoa pasta, and we opted for the fettuccine, an Asian dish in a gravy. The pasta had a deep, nutty flavor. The gravy was good, but not as flavorful as the other dishes.

I ordered a Jackfruit / Tofu pulled pork sandwich. The jackfruit is a great example of an alternative meat substitute, and it was absolutely delicious. The "pork" did not have a heavy barbeque sauce. The lighter flavor was reminiscent of Vietnamese banh mi. The texture was excellent, and I look forward to having it again. The last entrée was a Philly Cheese sandwich. It was tasty, but is a good example of a dish where a little meat substitute can go a long way.

The last item was a dessert of Mango Sticky Rice. It was excellent and sweet while avoiding the sugary taste of many desserts of this type. The rice has a slight green hue and more flavor because it is cooked in water with Pandan Leaf.

Overall, Grains is definitely worth a try. As the restaurant grows, I'm sure there will be many new, creative dishes to delight the palate. *—Scott Schechter*

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PLUME

HATS OFF TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY SIGN CELEBRATION CREW

Oh, what a night! A huge bouquet of Ostrich feathers to all those who helped to make this a night to remember! Thank you, to our amazing organizers: Mary Anne Stevens, Bernie Horan, and Philip Gill. Thanks also to the worker bees, without whom we could not accomplish much of anything: Paul Farris, Marcia and Greg Sorini, MaryBeth Chruden, Bill Smith, Christine O'Connor, Stu McGraw, Carol Neidenberg, and Nan McGraw. A special thanks to our neighborhood lighting guru, Andy Cameron, and to Beth Miller for great photos of the event. And, of course, a huge thank you to all the merchants who so graciously hosted the throngs: Twiggs Coffee House, Muzita Abyssinian Bistro, Park & Rec, Madison, Plumeria, Red House Pizza, Soltan Banoo, Meraki Café, Bahn Thai, Cecilia's Fine Jewelry, El Zarape, Perpetual Motion Creations, and Nice Chaps Leather. A big debt of gratitude also goes to our generous sponsors: UHCA, Kevin Whaley, Airbnb, Twiggs, Nan McGraw, and Mary Anne Stevens. The fabulous music of Billy Watson and His International Silver String Submarine Band playing in front of Park & Rec topped off the celebration. How about all those people, your neighbors? Shall we do it again next year, instead of waiting another 20? Yeah!

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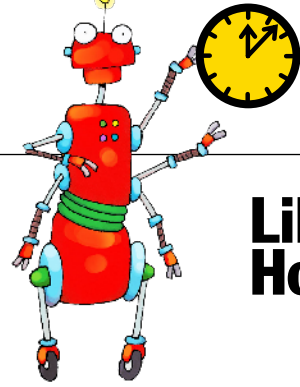
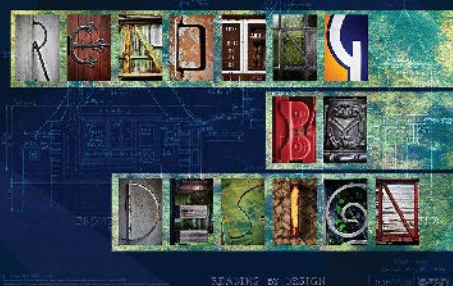
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SUMMER AT THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS LIBRARY

Hello, University Heights! We hope you'll join us for the many programs we have for this year's Summer Reading Program. "Reading by Design" is the theme this year. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your pets. Oh, wait...better not. All programs are on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm.

- June 14 • Wild Wonders**
Hands-on Animal Education
- June 21 • Little CatBird**
An Original Musical Experience
- July 5 • Craig Newton**
Historical Journey Through American Music
- July 12 • League of Extraordinary Scientists**
I Will Survive Tour
- July 19 • Sparkles, the Clown**
Everyone Loves Clowns, Right?
- Aug 2 • Amazing Dana**
Amazing Magic!
- Aug 15 • Pacific Animal Production**
MORE Animals! Yay!

Stop by and pick up your reading log for the Summer Reading Program starting June 12th – *Erin M. Wilson, Library Clerk*

Monday	9:30 am	– 6 pm
Tuesday	11:30 am	– 8 pm
Wednesday	11:30 am	– 8 pm
Thursday	9:30 am	– 6 pm
Friday	9:30 am	– 6 pm
Saturday	9:30 am	– 6 pm
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Don't Forget to Read This Summer

Ah, summer is here. To some, that means spending time at the beach and having barbeques, to others it means school is out and it's time for a family roadtrip. Whatever your summer plans, be sure to include reading regularly. Whether it's a book club selection for the beach, a cookbook for barbeque recipes, or comics to keep the kids entertained on your roadtrip, the library has what you need.

For children and teens, the "Summer Slide" means learning or reading skills are set back when school is out during the summer, and it takes time in the autumn to get kids back on track. These setbacks are cumulative, which creates a wider skills and reading proficiency gap every year.



One way to combat the Summer Slide is to participate in the San Diego Public Library Reading by Design summer reading program. Babies, toddlers, children, teens, and adults can all participate. Simply read ten books over the summer and you can win prizes. The program runs from June 15 to August 15. Register online at the San Diego Public Library website or at the University Heights library branch.

I am looking forward to reading over the summer, and I hope you are, too. Oh, one last thing: Please join us for our next

Friends of the University Heights Library committee meeting June 13th at 6:00 pm

and learn more about the work we are doing on behalf of the University Heights library branch. Thank you for your continuing support of our branch library. – *Isabel Schechter, Secretary*
friends@theuhlibrary@gmail.com

JUNE BOOK CLUB AND SALON

THE HOUSE OF HAWTHORNE BY ERIKA ROBUCK



After her stay in Cuba for her health in 1833, young New England artist Sophia Peabody's journal was published secretly by her sister. The Cuban journal caught the eye of a talented young writer, Nathaniel Hawthorne. This novel tells the story of the courtship and eventual marriage of Nathaniel and Sophia, which took the couple from Massachusetts to Europe. Sophia ultimately sacrificed her artistic career to raise a family and support Nathaniel in his writing. Their enduring

relationship centers on the complexities of a high-profile marriage and the subjugation of Sophia's talent to that of her husband.

Nathaniel went on to make his name as a writer, taking government jobs along the way that eventually take the family to Europe while America prepares for the Civil War. Also featured in the narrative are many prominent personalities, such as Herman Melville, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Thoreau, and others, who influence Hawthorne's life and works. The House of Hawthorne explores the personal repercussions of success and failure. It exposes the tragic conflicts beneath the couple's ideal of domestic fulfillment and illustrates how their marriage reflects the tensions within nineteenth-century society.

Join the Book Club & Salon's monthly discussions. New members always welcome! Selected book available at the UH Library's front desk during May & June.

UH Book Club & Salon Wednesday, June 28, at 6:30 pm

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BEAUTIFICATION TEAM REPORT

ROCK 'N ROLL CLEAN UP UH!

You've seen us on Washington St., working on the medians and at the Rte. 163 entrance every June during the Rock 'n Roll Marathon and sometimes in November. Maybe you thought: How nice! They are volunteering to make the Gateway look better. I should do that sometime. Or maybe it went more like: What are they, crazy? The trash and weeds just come back. And isn't that the City's or Caltrans' job? Didn't they just clean up the weeds at the 163 entrance?

Here's the truth: (1) We're not crazy, just enthusiastic! Volunteering is fun and it feels good. (2) The area looks so much better after our Clean Up. That shows neighborhood pride and improves your home's value! (3) We can't stop nature; the weeds do come back. We'd love to get the medians landscaped and maintenance paid for. Then we could focus our efforts elsewhere. We could use your help with that; our time is stretched already! And we'd love to go back to a time when people didn't throw trash out their car windows, but we don't have a clue how to get there. (4) The City and Caltrans are doing more, but the area still needs some work.

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FROM YOUR SENATOR



There's nothing I enjoy more when I'm in San Diego each weekend than gathering the family – my spouse and our dogs, Haley and Joey – and heading out to hike one of our neighborhood urban canyons, like Switzer Canyon or 32nd Street Canyon. Urban canyons are some of the best-kept secrets in San Diego. Thanks to its unique topography, our city boasts a network of beautiful, interesting canyons located right in the middle of many of our residential neighborhoods, oftentimes hidden in plain sight.

They provide green oases in otherwise developed communities and serve as learning tools for children and adults alike to gain greater understanding and appreciation for nature: native plants, wetlands, and watersheds. Although many Californians have the wherewithal to travel to take advantage of our state's large parks and wilderness preserves, not everyone is so lucky.

It might surprise you to know that some children growing up now in San Diego's urban areas have never even seen the ocean. That's why our urban canyons are so crucial. They are like little wilderness areas that are just a short walk away in almost every neighborhood. I recently helped cut the ribbon on a completed canyon trail loop in City Heights, which is perhaps San Diego's most ethnically diverse neighborhood. That is one reason why I support SB 5, a bond measure that will invest \$600 million in creating or expanding parks in disadvantaged communities, and millions of dollars more in local and regional parks and regional open spaces. Canyons and community parks together form a critical piece of community infrastructure. They need support, nurturing, and protection. The city's webpage for open space canyons and parklands has a good map and rundown of our urban canyons: <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/oscp>. San Diego Canyonlands, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, protecting, and restoring the city's urban canyons, is a great resource for information and ideas for how to get involved: <http://www.sdcanyonlands.org/>.

–Toni G. Atkins State Senator for California's 39th District, which includes University Heights

A FOND FAREWELL TO MARK ZAMBON

Mark Zambon has ably represented the San Diego office of U.S. Representative Susan Davis at the monthly UHCA meetings for the last two years, keeping all of us informed about federal issues and developments affecting our community. Mark joined Susan Davis' office in 2015 as the Veterans Community Representative in San Diego, as part of the Wounded Warrior Fellowship program administered by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives. Mark came to Congresswoman Davis' office after eleven years of service as a Marine bomb disposal technician with six combat tours and two Purple Hearts. His issue portfolio included addressing veterans' and active duty service members' requests for assistance with federal agencies; working with U.S. Customs and Immigration Services; and serving the San Diego communities of Golden Hill, University Heights, Uptown, Mission Valley, and El Cajon. Mark also perceived his role as representing all Americans who have been wounded or given their lives in defense of our country. As of June 2017, Mark will be moving on to pursue other opportunities. Please wish Mark a fond farewell if you see him at our next meeting in June. We wish him the best in all his endeavors, and we will miss him.



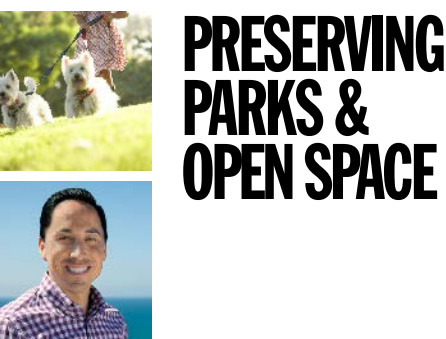
Zambon with Congresswoman Susan Davis



Just 18 months after losing his legs to an improvised explosive device, Mark scaled 19,341 ft. to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro as part of the Heroes Project.



FROM YOUR STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER



Here in San Diego and in our State Capitol, we are committed to combatting the effects of climate change. One of the great equalizers in this fight is more green space in our communities – like that of Trolley Barn Park, University Heights Point, and the Birney Joint-Use Field. While the community benefits are natural, large park spaces also have environmental advantages that can particularly assist as the City of San Diego becomes more environmentally friendly under our Climate Action Plan. For example, trees, shrubs, and grass can go a long way in filtering out air impurities and counteracting warming trends. Further, natural shade from trees reduces fossil fuels emitted from cooling and heating units. For this reason, I celebrated Arbor Day by joining my fellow Assemblymembers to plant new trees around our Capitol. That's also why I am a strong supporter of AB 18, the California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act. It's a long title, but it comes with a substantial investment in



parks, outdoor open spaces, waterways, wildlife corridors, climate change adaptation, and other natural resource projects. Under AB 18, local regional parks, like Balboa Park, could receive approximately \$425 million for rehabilitation and improvements. Additionally, the San Diego River Conservancy would receive \$15 million for the maintenance of the San Diego River Park. As we know in University Heights, parks and open spaces are crucial for quality of life and a thriving local economy. Now, we have an opportunity to ensure all Californians have access to these green, environmentally friendly community spaces and that they are preserved for future generations.

–Todd Gloria, Assemblymember for California's 78th Assembly District, which includes University Heights.



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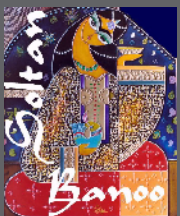
Properties Offered by Pemberley Realty Team!

SOLD !!! 2064 Aviator Rd #59 Sold for \$430,000 3BR/2.5BA House	SOLD !!! 911 Temple Sold for \$851,000 3BR/2BA house	SOLD !!! 4540 Oregon St 3 Sold for \$403,500 2BR/2BA Condo	SOLD !!! 1217 Stratton Dr Sold for \$615,000 3BR/2.5BA House
IN ESCROW !!! 6376 Rancho Mission \$267,500 2BR/1BA Condo	IN ESCROW !!! 2919 Copley Ave \$699,988 3BR/2BA House	IN ESCROW !!! 4532 Mercurio St \$1,100,00 4BR/3BA House	HIRE THE LOCAL EXPERT SELL FOR MORE!!!

Are you looking for a new career? We are always looking for talented people to join our team. Call us today!

**You are invited to please RSVP
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Thursday, June 22nd: 4-6pm

Join us for some appetizers, drinks and up-
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