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OCTOBER COMMUNITY BUILDING MEETING REMINDER

Please remember that you are invited and encouraged to join architect Leason Pomeroy and ICHA representatives to kick off discussions on designs for a University Hills Community Building. The meeting to discuss concept planning for the structure will be held at the University Club's main dining room on October 5, 2005 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Please see last months' Newsletter for additional details.

---Andrew Herndon, *Community Development*

HRB MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

Meeting called to order at 4:15 PM

Board members attending: co-chair Rachel Gamby, co-chair Brian Cummings, Aileen Anderson, Wayne Sandholtz, Jeffery Beckwith, Alan Terricciano, Andrew Herndon and Ron Reed. Komal Derwan was absent.

Visitor: Tau-mu Yi (phase 8 resident)

- Professor Yi expressed concern about clarity as to HRB meeting schedule. It was agreed to clarify information in the Newsletter and web site. First Tuesday of the month, 4 PM. Problem: because the ICHA trailers are condemned, meeting place must be determined on a month-to-month basis. Will be announced via the web site as space is determined.

Committee reports

- Campus Planning Subcommittee (Aileen and Jeff) met with CEP with additional feedback from Andrew. Full report is available separately. Highlights include-
 - Phase 8. Bronte will not be cut through to Southern Radial. Extended discussion about the plot of land at end of Bronte between Murasaki and Anteater Drive. Must be made accessible to Irvine Ranch Water District vehicles-will result in extended sidewalk with a turf border providing a 12 foot clearance. Residents have expressed an interest in a green-space. Debate followed over functionality of the space. Recommendation made that fencing be used over posts to keep children from running into the Southern Radial. Landscaping alone will not be used – safety issue.
 - Russell to Southern Radial. Efforts have been made to cut down Traffic light glare. Lights will be refocused and have tube shields added. Lights at Murasaki affect residents at # 1 and 2 Murasaki, assurances that it will be addressed.
 - Intersection of Gabrielino and Peltason will not be closed during the final phase of construction to open the Southern Radial.
 - Building Equipment Noise. Engineering Gateway appears to be the main source of the problem. Recommendation made to make a precise decibel measurement to see if noise is in code violation. Cal IT2 compressor/generator problems are reported fixed.
 - Parking garage. Will be solid faced except for East face (face toward Murasaki). HRB members asked Andrew to confirm that light screening would be used on the east face, not decorative screening. Roof lights will be off at night. Opens in December.
- Dog Park committee.
 - Andrew reported that landscaping may happen in early November, may open in December.
- Parks committee.
 - Andrew reported that new playground equipment was on order for both upper and lower parks.
 - Andrew reported that Vista Bonita park grass will be kept lower to allow soccer to continue to be played.
 - Clarification. There is a contractual agreement to allow UCI groups to use the Gabrielino Park. Not applicable to Vista Bonita (Uni Hills only)
- Pool committee

- Andrew reported that one lap-swimming lane was restored in the Gabrielino pool, now allowing two lap lanes
- Community Center Committee
 - Luette Forrest (CCC) joined the meeting. Waiting on the data from the survey.

New Business

- An HRB member has begun organizing a group of Phase 8 residents to address car issues – parking and traffic. Recommended that they work with the HRB board.

Monthly Operations Report

- HRB members expressed concern that Leason was again the contracted architect for the new version of the Community Center. Andrew reported that ICHA board felt committed.
- Extensive discussion of the process leading to a new design. HRB members pointed out that one community meeting was insufficient and did not constitute a process. Concerns echoed by other HRB members that the process is not clear and poorly articulated. Formal requests have been made repeatedly for clarification on this issue. Other expressed concerns included over whether survey results were having any impact, and that the Community Center Committee (CCC) were feeling increasingly jaded about the value of their contribution to the process. Request again made as to clarifying the nature of the funding for the Community Center. Is the money redirectable?
- Greystone Multi Family Builders contracted for construction of apartments.
- Architectural review discussion. New garage doors for townhouses are under study. Led to a lengthy and inconclusive debate over the windows in the garage doors. Should they be consistent for the entire community? for every block of 2 or 4? does it matter? The members welcome further input and most likely will leave it in the hands of the townhouse owners themselves. A Whistler Court homeowner requested to paint their home a single color except for their door area. Concerns raised over the impact on the house's appearance because it may flatten the architectural details. HRB voted to allow the resident and Andrew to resolve the matter without further review.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

---Alan Terricciano, HRB

PLAYGROUNDS UPDATE

By popular demand, we are replacing one of the children’s swings at Gabrielino Park with an infant swing. Afterward we will have two children’s swings and two infant swings there. We have added playhouses designed for toddlers both at Gabrielino and at the Lower Pool Playground.

The field at Gabrielino Park is getting more and more use. Its now scheduled on each day of the week. Starting in October, the grass on the field at Vista Bonita Park will be cut to a shorter length in order to make it easier for kids to play soccer there, too. We would like to remind parents that Vista Bonita field is always unscheduled and will most likely be available if the Gabrielino field happens to be reserved when you want to play. There is a permanent baseball backstop at Vista Bonita, and we are considering whether to also install soccer goals. If you have comments, please email the Parks Committee.

The plans for renovating the Lower and Upper Pool Playgrounds are complete and our new equipment has been ordered. Expect that construction will begin in early November and should take three to four weeks. Please talk to your children and ask them to respect the boundary fences and taped off areas while construction is in progress since these areas will be dangerous, although very appealing to curious children. We are tentatively scheduling low-key “Reopening Parties” at both playgrounds for 2-4 pm on Sunday, Dec 4. Cookies and lemonade will be served. See the UHills listserv and/or neighborhood signboards for current information.

The components of the new playgrounds are discussed below. All the existing equipment at the Lower and Upper Pool playgrounds will be removed as it is approximately 20 years old and most of it no longer meets California safety standards. New equipment will be installed. For more details, go to the on-line version of the newsletter to see color images and schematics. Photos of many of these pieces were shown at the Gabrielino Ice Cream Party.

At the Lower Pool Playground, we will have a new tire swing and a Kompan Edge “Glacier” play structure for older

children that includes a tall slide, sliding rails, rock climbing walls and hammock. For younger children, we will have a play structure from GameTime (the same manufacturer we used for the Gabrielino Playground) that includes a tall slide, a short double slide, an elevated tunnel, hanging rings, steering wheel and a play panel as well as a Kompan "Spinner Bowl", which is a tilted bowl on which kids sit and spin. A sand area will be located on the younger children's side over about 25% of the area, and the rest will be surfaced with wood fiber. The newly arrived playhouse for toddlers will remain there.

At the Upper Pool Playground, the main attraction will be the Dynamo Apollo, an 11 foot high, cone-shaped, net-climbing structure with a solid floor. The entire structure rotates, reminiscent of the old fashioned merry-go-rounds that some of us knew and loved when we were kids. A special bearing system limits how fast it can rotate so children can enjoy a safe but exhilarating ride while get lots of exercise in the process. For older children there will be two Kompan "Spica", which are rotating poles on which kids can spin, and for younger children there will be a Kompan "Spinner Bowl" and a "Blazer", which is a three-seat spring-mounted teeter-totter. The Upper Pool also will have UHills' first sand and water play structure, the Kompan "Mermaid Fountain". By pressing a button, children start the water flowing through pipes and funnels and into removable basins. This will be especially attractive on hot summer days. About 20% of the area will be surfaced in sand and the rest in wood fiber.

The new equipment is very colorful and exciting. We predict UHills children will like it as much or more than the new Gabrielino playground. Please join me in giving the members of the Parks Committee a hearty round of thanks for all their hard work: Simon Cole, Komal Dewan, Pascale Mestdagh, Michelle Rodriguez, Alyssa Stanford and Carole Uhlaner. Planning this has been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. Anybody who is interested in joining the committee or voicing his/her opinion can email us at chrishane@cox.net.

---Tammy Smecker-Hane, Chair, Parks Committee

BEING PREPARED MEANS GETTING PREPARED... TAKE ACTION NOW!

ICHA, in partnership with the Campus Environmental Health and Safety Office is helping to insure that **ALL UNIVERSITY HILLS RESIDENTS** recognize their individual responsibilities to care for themselves and their families in the case of a major disaster. Contrary to what many believe, neither the University or ICHA can provide total care or assistance for the U Hills community. In fact, many of your homes may perform better than University structures in a major event, and the need to provide assistance and housing to students, staff and other faculty members displaced or unable to exit the campus may fall to the good residents of this community. The Environmental Health and Safety Office has maintained a very proactive approach to enlightening all campus departments and has extended their educational assistance opportunities to U Hills Residents. Read below... do not wait... **TAKE ACTION NOW.**

---Andrew Herndon - ICHA Community Development

FROM UCI EH &S

Even before Hurricane Katrina, September was designated as National Disaster Preparedness Month. Citizens are being encouraged to Get A Kit, Make A Plan, Be Informed and Get Involved. As the UCI C-SAR (Campus Search and Rescue) program team members already know, getting a jump start is the best way to be prepared.

Our final C-SAR training series for 2005 begins **SOON** - on October 4! Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:00 at the Nelson Auditorium in Irvine Hall located in the School of Medicine. Team members learn to prepare themselves and their families for the unexpected, and learn skills to help on campus and in their own communities after a large scale event occurs. Topics include family disaster planning, household hazardous materials management, utilities control, fire safety, disaster triage and first aid, light search and rescue, and others - culminating in a hands-on exercise on the final day to challenge what you've learned.

For the first time, registrations will be handled through TED, the Training and Employee Development website <www.ted.uci.edu> . The training series is listed as C-SAR - Campus Search & Rescue (classroom setting). For current team members, we are asking that you encourage your colleagues and co-workers to take this valuable training and join you on the C-SAR Team.

For those of you who have expressed an interest in participating, we hope this fits your schedule. All U Hills residents are invited and encouraged to participate.

---Linda M. Bogue, EH&S Emergency Management Coordinator

Campus Search and Rescue C-SAR

Accepting Registrations for
Training Series #6

October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
November 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17
(Tuesdays and Thursdays)
Sessions are 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Sessions held at the Nelson Auditorium
Irvine Hall, School of Medicine
Building 835 on the Campus Map

The final training series for 2005.
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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM

In response to meeting community needs, the University of California Irvine, School of Medicine is proud to host the upcoming symposium entitled "Bioterrorism and Community Disaster Preparedness". We invite you, the HRB board and the University Hills community to attend the 7th Annual Tamkin Symposium. The event is being held on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at the School of Medicine from 8:00am - 3:30pm. This event is very timely given the community, state and federal response to the recent disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi with hurricane "Katrina." Through this symposium we will all be better prepared should Orange County experience a similar catastrophe.

This year's symposium will highlight the latest issues on biological, chemical and radiological terrorism. It will address issues such as disaster planning including earthquake preparation. Through knowledge and understanding, community members can be prepared for such a disaster.

Highly recognized physicians and community leaders in their areas of expertise will present various topics to help you better prepare in your own homes and community. You will have an opportunity to interact with the staff and ask questions during our panel discussions.

A continental breakfast, lunch and parking will be included in the nominal fee of \$10.00. A shuttle will be in place from 8:00am to 9:30am and 3:00pm to 4:30pm to escort you to/from the event parking lot. For additional information, please contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education at 949/824-9163 or 949/824-4618.

VISITOR NIGHT AT UCI OBSERVATORY

The next public Visitor Night at the UCI Observatory will be Saturday, November 5, from 7 – 9 pm. See Mars, star clusters and galaxies with our telescopes and listen to a lecture entitled "Mars and the Search for Life in the Solar System". Visitor Nights are fun for the entire family -- children, teens, parents and grandparents -- but remember to dress warmly and bring along flashlights. For more information, see <http://www.physics.uci.edu/~observat#visnite>.

University Hills residents should plan to walk out to the Observatory using the new entrance to the gravel road on California Dr. near its intersection with Gabrielino Dr. Only if you are transporting telescope equipment or a handicapped person will you be permitted to drive out to the Observatory.

---Tammy Smecker-Hane, Associate Professor, Dept. of Physics & Astronomy

MOSQUITO TASK FORCE KEEPING WATCH AT UCI (FALL 2005)

The Campus has been collecting mosquitoes weekly throughout the summer and the numbers of insects collected have always been low. In the marsh they often catch hundreds of mosquitoes per trap. Insects collected on Campus have never amounted to more than 15. Currently, the numbers are way down, principally because standing water has dried up everywhere. For example, in four traps this past week (mid September), only one mosquito was captured. The Marsh is now dry as well and Vector Control is no longer spraying in the Marsh this season. Collecting will continue on through the Fall.



MOSQUITO CONTROL (From a flyer from UCI EH&S Website)

Here are a few reminders about how you can protect you and your family from contracting the West Nile Virus:

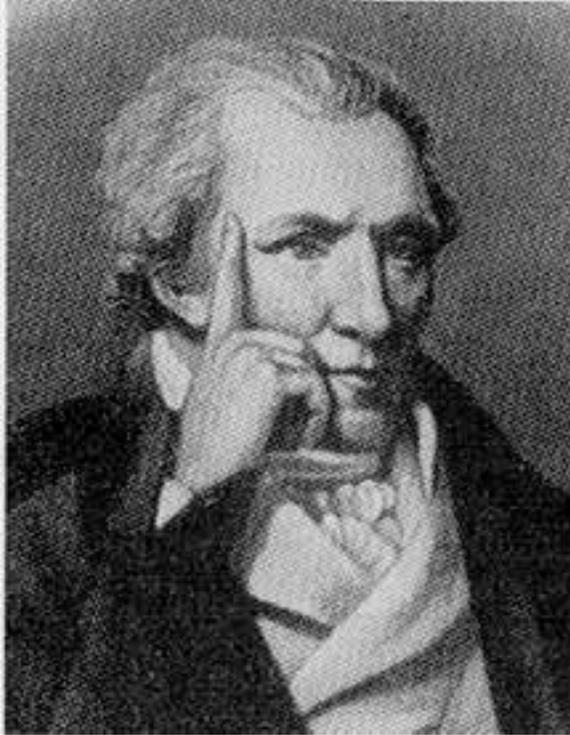
- ✓ Avoid outside activity at dawn and dusk during the mosquito season (May to November). This is particularly important for the elderly and small children.
- ✓ Use approved mosquito repellent with DEET.
- ✓ Wear long pants and long sleeve shirts when outside.
- ✓ Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when outdoors with babies.
- ✓ Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair replace screens that have tears or holes in them. Keep doors and windows closed if not screened.
- ✓ Drain all standing water on property.
- ✓ Stock permanent ponds with fish that eat mosquito larvae. Call the Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) for free fish.



Facts About Mosquitoes

- All mosquitoes must have water in which to complete their lifecycle in only seven days (egg to adult) during warm weather. (Anything that will hold water for a week can produce mosquitoes).
- Only the female mosquito bites to obtain a blood meal. The male mosquito feeds only on nectar and other plant juices.
- The female mosquito may live as long as three weeks during the summer or many months over the winter in order to lay her eggs in the following spring.
- About one half of the mosquitoes produced in Orange County are produced in residential backyards.

For more information regarding WNV, please visit the UC Irvine EH&S website at <http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/safety/westnile.html>, or call at 949-824-6200.



STREET BIOGRAPHY – THOMPSON (LAST ONE IN A SERIES)

Benjamin Thompson, Count Rumford (1753-1814), was an American born scientist and inventor who is credited with discovering that heat is a form of motion rather than a form of liquid matter. (In 1849, James Joule established the correct definition of heat: a form of energy transferred from one body to another as a result of their temperature difference.)

As a boy in Massachusetts, Thompson excelled in mathematics, astronomy, and mechanics. He studied medicine briefly at Cambridge University before returning to Massachusetts where he attended lectures at Harvard University. A staunch Tory, Thompson fled to England after the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War. In London, he rose to the office of under secretary of state while pursuing his interest in science. One of his early inventions from this time was a method by which ships could communicate with each other while at sea. He was elected to a fellow of the Royal

Society in 1779, at the age of twenty-eight

In 1781, Thompson returned to America where he organized and commanded a British regiment as lieutenant colonel. Two years later, back in England, Thompson was given permission to serve the Austrian government in its war with Turkey. During this conflict he met the Elector of Bavaria. Aspiring to become the Elector's aide-de-camp, Thompson decided to return to England and resign his commission. Then, after receiving a knighthood from King George III, Thompson traveled back to Bavaria for more than a decade of military and civil service. In 1791, he was awarded the title of Count Rumford of the Holy Roman Empire. Returning to England, he presented his seminal paper, "Enquiry concerning the source of Heat Which is Excited by Friction" to the Royal Society in 1798. Thompson relocated to France in 1804, where he died ten years later.

In addition to his work on heat, Thompson is remembered for several inventions, such as the calorimeter, the photometer, and various practical inventions for the household, including the kitchen range, pressure cooker, drip coffeepot, double boiler, and the eponymous Rumford fireplace, a smokeless central heating system. A generous philanthropist, Thompson bequeathed much of his estate to the Royal Society, to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and to Harvard University where he endowed the Rumford Chair of Physics.

---Ellen Elghobashi

[Editor's Note: Ellen has been providing us with these street biographies for quite a few years now. I want to thank her for compiling this information so that we might learn more about our neighborhood]

MIDNIGHT MAGIC....

Each October, for the last 7 years, avid UCI Basketball fans have packed into the Bren Events Center to witness one of the most exciting traditions in Collegiate Athletics – Midnight Magic! They come dressed in their blue and gold, some with faces painted, all fresh with excitement for the upcoming basketball season. Midnight Magic is traditionally celebrated at the stroke of midnight on the first official day that NCAA basketball teams are allowed to practice. UCI has been the only college in Southern California to consistently mark this day. Midnight Magic is completely free and open to the entire community. Fans are invited to enjoy festivities on the concourse from 9-10pm. Free food, video games, pop-a-shot and other activities will fill the Bren Events Center lobby. At 10:30 all fans will be directed into the arena where they will learn the UCI hand-sign – "Rip 'em Eaters", the Fight Song, see performances by the Cheer Squad and Dance Team as well as have opportunities to win prizes! The excitement reaches its peak once the 2005-06 UCI Men's and Women's Basketball Teams are introduced and get a chance to show their skills with a short scrimmage, three-point contest and slam-dunk contest! Join us this year for all the fun and excitement with the whole family! For More info call – (949) 824-8719

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