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NEW CLASSIFIED AD RULES

All newsletter ads will also appear on the University Hills web site. When you specify a length of time in your ad, it will determine how long it will appear on the web site as well as in the newsletter.

Most ads will only appear in the newsletter for one month. The following categories can appear for up to 3 months: Daycare Wanted, For Sale, Cars for Sale, Lost/Found, Free, Wanted, House Rentals/Sales/Exchanges/Wanted to Buy. Baby-sitting ads can appear indefinitely, and all others will only appear once. After a year, your ad may be re-run.

The Editor may, at her discretion, re-run ads additional times when there is space. Priority will be given to short-term services, especially those provided by children. If there is space, ads such as housing for rent and services offered will appear in the September issue when newcomers are arriving.

Last month some items were run that shouldn't have appeared. These occurred due to the haste with which the new system was implemented. There may be problems during the next few months because the whole ad system has been completely rewritten and replaced with a database-driven system. Please report problems to webmaster@uhills.org.

---Nina Macdonald, Newsletter Staff

NEWSLETTER FORMAT

Last month we notified our community of the changes in the Newsletter format. As you saw last month, the length of the Newsletter will be kept to 8 pages as often as possible. Because of this, the margins and font size will likely change from month to month. We continue to welcome any comments and submissions to the Newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Lauri Barwick at 854-5684, or laurirb@earthlink.net.

---Lauri Barwick, Newsletter Editor

HRB MEETING MINUTES - July 1, 2003

Attending: Isabel de Figueiredo, Rachel Gamby, Shirley Palley, Brian Cummings, Aileen Anderson, Michele Walot, Ron Reid

Operations- A satellite dish on Harvey, a landscape on Twain, and painting on Blake were discussed. A draft plan for apartments on Gabrielino was examined. Because ideas are still in flux, we passed a motion to get community input when conceptualls are finalized. Traffic patterns are a major concern. The Community Center is still in the planning stage but community input is important for this process as well. The groundlease approval is pending for the Gabrielino field site as well as for the Community Center site, hopefully by September or October.

Dog Run- Currently there is a six month moratorium on the dog run pending a groundlease agreement for Gabrielino Park. ICHA expects some word by October whether that area can be added to University Hills for our exclusive use.

Parking Structure- Fencing for Lot G will be installed this summer but final traffic configurations are not set. The HRB is very grateful to Mike Delo and Richard Demerjian for their commitment to working on University Hills' concerns about traffic, noise and access. Aileen is compiling minutes for those interested.

Newsletter- The newsletter has been reformatted with a condensed paper version in order to be more economical. Permanent ads have moved to the web site. An estimated \$400/mo will be saved.

New Business

- Several locations with overgrown foliage were discussed and involved homeowners will be contacted.
- Architectural Plans- A proposed addition on Virgil was approved and a proposed project on Twain was postponed.
- Residents can call Parking and Transportation if student parking becomes problematic. Offending cars can be ticketed or towed.
- Vandalism is once again a problem in University Hills. Sprinklers have been broken and wires cut repeatedly on Murasaki and pool furniture is being dumped in the pools. Please report any incidents to the police and ICHA. The pool locks are sticking and rekeying is being considered.
- A new recreational survey is being discussed to be run in the September and October newsletters. Please register on the UHills listserv - only 100 households are represented and we would like to be able to circulate news between newsletters.
- The Port-a-potty at Vista Bonita Park will be serviced more often (3x /week for the summer months.)

---Respectfully submitted, Michele Walot

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP AND THE UH GROUND SUBLEASE

In response to inquiries, the Campus has issued a policy directive to ICHA that a surviving domestic partner is to be treated as a surviving spouse in the event that his or her UC domestic partner pre-deceases him or her. This directive permits a non-UC surviving domestic partner to continue to live in UH, as is permitted for a non-UC spouse. The text of this directive reads as follows:

ICHA is to interpret Sections 3.06 (b) (iii) and (iv) of the ground sublease which now read in pertinent part ... "surviving spouse of a deceased homeowner"...AS THOUGH these sections read in pertinent part... "surviving spouse or domestic partner (as the term Domestic Partner is defined by the University of California Retirement Plan) of a deceased homeowner"... .

ICHA has also been asked to work with the Office of the President in drafting a ground lease amendment between ICHA and The Regents and between ICHA and the ground sublessees consistent with the intent of the above language.

---J. Nowick, Schubert Ct.

VANDALISM HURTS US ALL

Please be extra alert to incidents of vandalism in University Hills! Kids (and UCI students) may be bored as the summer progresses, but it is fire season and repairs cost money that could be better spent on amenities for the community. There have been little fires set in the neighborhood at the upper pool, tennis court, and on Newton. The spas have been polluted with bubble bath or detergent, and pool furniture and potted plants have been pushed into the pool. Gates and pool bathrooms are damaged regularly. Sprinkler heads are routinely broken in common areas, and on Murasaki Ct. irrigation systems were sabotaged. Off road drivers have scarred the Gabrielino field as well as the Preserve.

It is in all of our best interests to protect our community so please lend a hand!

---Michele Walot, HRB

r.a.d.KIDS SAFETY ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP

The r.a.d.KIDS SAFETY ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP is sponsored by the UC Irvine Police Department and the Anteater Recreation Center. It will be held from August 11th to the 15th for ages 5-7 at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., and for ages 8-10 at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The 10-hour course covers all aspects of safety (stranger abduction, fire, home, bicycle, vehicle, school, bullies, water/pool, out & about, good/bad/uncomfortable touch). Parent participation is recommended. Contact Officer Caroline Alberti for reservations at (949) 824-7181 or calberti@uci.edu. SPACE IS LIMITED. The fee is \$40 per child.

PET TREK 2003 TO BENEFIT HOMELESS PETS IN THE CITY

The Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC) and the Irvine Pet Partnership present *Pet Trek 2003*, the Center's largest fundraiser of the year, on Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m., at the Irvine Civic Center located at 1 Civic Center Plaza. The 3-kilometer walkathon, designed for people and their dogs, will take place on the scenic trail along the San Diego Creek Channel located adjacent to the Civic Center.

Pet Trek 2003 will help raise much-needed dollars to benefit homeless animals at the IACC. This year's event features entertaining and pet-related activities. Participants are encouraged to obtain a registration and pledge form by visiting the IACC web site at www.irvineshelter.org, emailing info@irvineshelter.org, or calling (949) 724-7745. The registration fee is \$25 per family, which includes all event activities. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, but walkers may also register on the day of the event.

The event schedule is as follows:

- 8 a.m. Registration
- 9 a.m. Pet Trek begins
- 10 a.m. contests begin
- Vendors and displays until noon

Last year's Pet Trek raised \$17,000 to benefit homeless animals at the IACC. This year's event will also benefit the IACC, through the Irvine Pet Partnership, a non-profit support group devoted to providing enhanced care for sheltered animals. Pet Trek 2003 sponsors include Ralphs Supermarkets and Nutro Pet Products.

UCI ARBORETUM NEWS

The UCI Arboretum will host its popular annual Summer Bulb Sale on Saturday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This sale offers gardeners the opportunity to purchase winter species as dormant bulbs, and select summer and evergreen species in containers. In addition, the Arboretum offers a selection of hybrid bulbs related to their collections, and perennials for planting with bulbs. Expert advice will be available regarding selection, planting and landscape ideas from Arboretum volunteers and staff. Admission for this event will be \$2.00, with children under 12 free. Free parking will be available directly adjacent to the Arboretum.. For more information, please call (949) 824-5833.