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HRB ELECTIONS

The current Homeowners Representative Board will hold elections for the **four** two-year positions on the Board. Candidate Statements and ballots are printed in the center of this Newsletter. **Please take a moment to vote and return the ballot by hand or by mail to the ICHA Office, 22 Los Trancos Dr., Irvine, CA 92617, no later than 4 p.m. on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005.**

TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH

A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday March 16, 2005 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the University Club Library. A general "State of the Hill" update on existing and new construction activities will be provided. The agenda will include the Community Building to be located at the intersection of Gabrielino Drive and California Avenue. A planning update for Area 9 to be developed south of California Avenue will also be presented. For more information please contact the ICHA Community Development Office at 824-2424.

HRB MEETING AGENDA - Tuesday, January 4, 2005, 4 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Rachel Gamby (Chair), Komal Dewan, Jeff Beckwith, Michele Walot, Wayne Sandholtz, Aileen Anderson, Brian Cummings, Andrew Herndon, Ron Reid

2. Old Business

Monthly Operations Report issues – Andrew/Ron

Major tree trimming will begin in January. New exterior lights have been installed on town homes. Because the new apartment construction will not begin as early as expected, Lot G will remain open for parking for the winter quarter (until April). There will be soil testing in Lot G prior to apartment construction.

Architectural review details

Three new architectural applications for landscaping were received and approved by ICHA in December. Area 8 residents who have not completed their landscaping will be receiving notices to complete yard work immediately.

Committee Reports

Dog Park Committee (Brian): The Dog park committee met mid-November to review the parkplans and make final recommendations to the HRB and ICHA. ICHA passed on the comments to the landscape architect and several requested improvements to the park plan have been implemented. ICHA is getting estimates for some the committee's requests, including lighting of pathways. Construction cannot begin until enough of California Avenue is completed that ICHA is assigned right-of-way.

Campus Planning (Aileen and Jeff): There was a follow-up Southern Radial landscape meeting for residents on Murasaki with Campus Planning and ICHA. There were a number of changes to the landscaping and lighting design presented to those in attendance in accordance with prior requests of the committee, including using a rubberized road surface to reduce noise, reduced lighting levels, shields to lighting, and denser vegetation.

Park Committee (Komal): Equipment for Gabrielino park has been ordered and begun shipping. ICHA is looking into the cost savings of recoating the basketball and tennis courts at the same time as the play circle.

Community Center Committee (Michele): The HRB expressed concern at the December ICHA Board meeting that the Community Center Committee had only been given one opportunity to give input on the Community Building plans as of December and requested further opportunities to give input before the plans are finalized. If you have ideas or concerns about the Community Center, please contact one of the following Community Center Committee members:

Michele Walot	mwalot@cox.net
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There is an updated version of the plans that will be reviewed by the CCC and HRB. Once the architectural plans are stable, the CCC will meet to plan contents of individual rooms.

Pool Committee (Rachel): 40 people are now on the pool email list. 5 responded to Rachel's email regarding heating of pools this winter. Rachel will survey people in March or April regarding pool preferences to make informed recommendations regarding next year's pool schedule.

Other items

Priority Purchase Period (Wayne): The faculty welfare committee is considering our proposal for changes to the purchase period and will report back by March.

Newsletter delivery has been sped up by changing deadlines by 5 days. Many people report that they received the newsletter before the first of the month. A suggestion to have community children deliver the newsletters was considered but was felt to be too complicated/less reliable.

Phase VIII Traffic study and University Hills destination survey. Tabled for next meeting where Aileen will present a summary of the issues.

Listserv update. ICHA/HRB are considering running a second listserv for "Urgent," official notifications only - as opposed to the open, un-moderated "Community bulletin board" which many residents do not want to receive. The HRB has asked ICHA to compile an email list by street name of faculty/staff UCI email addresses, which will be automatically added to the Urgent listserv. Residents will then be sent information on how to update their addresses and/or opt out of the urgent list.

4. New Business

Parking Permits – The feasibility of either single street permits or a hill wide parking permit will be discussed with Campus Parking and Transportation and reported to the HRB at a later meeting.

6. Adjournment

---Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Cummings

START YOUR NEW YEAR WITH SAFETY AND EMERGENCY KNOWLEDGE!

Although New Year's has already passed, it's not too late to add a resolution to review your family emergency plan and update your emergency supplies. Each family should create a plan to improve their response capabilities when emergencies or disasters occur. To help you along, go on-line and visit a couple of sites that provide tons of information for free.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has compiled a comprehensive guide for citizens called, "Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness." It can be downloaded from <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>. The American

Red Cross also offers an abundance of information that can be accessed by surfing their site, beginning with <http://www.redcross.org/> and drilling down through their Disaster Services section. Take a moment and print a copy for your household.

Taking personal responsibility for your family's safety and the safety of your neighbors improves the overall ability of the campus to manage emergencies and deploy resources where they are needed the most. As residents of University Hills, you are in a unique position to be both self-sustaining immediately following an incident, and benefit from the resources that can be mobilized for the campus community as a whole.

---Linda M. Bogue. *EH&S Emergency Management Coordinator, Campus: 949.824.7147*

ON STREET PARKING... PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NEIGHBORS

Residents who often park their cars on the streets forget that generally, it should be moved within 72 hours. More important, leaving your vehicle on the street for extended periods can result in a disadvantage to other neighbors who are entitled to use the street parking occasionally. Not moving your vehicle also hinders the street sweeper from clearing debris that can be trapped by a vehicle left for an extended period. The UCIPD do not normally enforce the 72 hour rule on the Hill, but recent parking difficulties at select locations may result in their intervention. Remembering your neighbor is a small courtesy... something to think about.

---Andrew Herndon *ICHA*

INTRODUCING SAGE HILL SCHOOL

If you have a son or daughter of high school age, you may be looking for a suitable high school in the UCI neighborhood. For many UCI faculty and staff, the University High School seems the most natural choice. However, we would like to draw your attention to another wonderful alternative: the Sage Hill School of Newport Coast.

This beautiful facility is an independent high school with an outstanding academic program for bright, motivated and diverse students, taught by one of the most accomplished and stimulating groups of teachers in the nation. Classes are small (averaging fifteen per section), the tone is expectant, the curriculum challenging, and the relationship between teachers and students is uncommonly engaging. Furthermore, the school is one of first in the nation to offer a truly integrated service-learning program. The result: Sage Hill's students are articulate, curious, and actively invested in the community.

The school has an impressive track record, both in placing their students in some of the most select colleges and universities in the country and in creating the right match. 92% of last year's senior class went on to four-year colleges, and the mean SAT for this year's senior class is 1312. These statistics surpass those for all other high schools in Irvine.

To experience this campus atmosphere first-hand and to learn about Sage Hill School's positive approach to achieving excellence, parents are invited to attend a special evening coffee for UCI faculty and staff on Wednesday, February 9, at 7 PM. Parents will hear from various administrators about the school's philosophy and program. To RSVP to this invitation, please call 949-219-1395. If you cannot make this event, and want to learn more about the school's philosophy and program, please contact the Admissions Office (949-219-0100).

The signatories of this letter are all parents of current Sage Hill School students. We are very proud of what the school has accomplished and how it is nurturing our sons and daughters. We hope that you will join the growing ranks of UCI faculty and staff who have found Sage Hill to be a compelling option.

Many regards,

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NEWS FROM THE UCI ARBORETUM

The UCI Arboretum hosts "Prelude to Spring," its annual Winter Bulb Festival, on Saturday, February 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, February 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival will feature the Arboretum's Southern African bulb garden in peak bloom, blooming daffodils, early Iris, and other late winter and early spring perennials, and a plant sale of rare and unusual plants from the Arboretum's nursery, including potted bulbs, perennials, and other one-of-a-kind items. Admission is \$2.00 per person; children under 12 are free. Parking is located immediately adjacent to the Arboretum. The UCI Arboretum is located just south of the corner of Campus Dr. and Jamboree Rd. on the UCI North Campus. For more information, call 824-5833.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Aileen Anderson:

My name is Aileen Anderson and I am a full-time faculty member in the Departments of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and Anatomy & Neurobiology. I have lived in University Hills for over seven years, served on the HRB for the past two years, and have helped many colleagues negotiate through the process of buying a home here. I feel strongly that the participation of full-time faculty members in the community and HRB is essential for the community to be heard by ICHA and the University at large, as well as essential for improving the working relationship between the community, ICHA, and UCI for the betterment of the community. Over the past two years I have developed a working relationship between the HRB and UCI's offices of Campus & Environmental Planning and Parking and Transportation to secure significant mitigations for University Hills for the CalIT2 parking garage and Southern Radial construction projects. In the interest of full disclosure, my husband, Brian Cummings is also a current member of the HRB. If you are not concerned that two representatives from the same household are on the HRB, please consider voting for me again.

Jeffrey S. Beckwith

I have been an employee of the University of California for fifteen years and a resident of University Hills for ten years. I am running for a third term on the HRB because I would like to participate in the completion of two projects. The first project is the parking structure and office building. Aileen Anderson and I have met monthly with Campus Environmental Planning on this project for almost two years and worked to mitigate the impact on the University Hills community. We were successful in getting many changes made in the project. The second project I would like to see through to completion is the dog park. This will be a welcome addition to our households with dogs and cap years of work by Brian Cummings and others in University Hills. I would also encourage anyone reading this statement to join the listserv if you have not done so.

Rachel Gamby

I've lived in University Hills for over six years and have served on the HRB two years (one year as chair.) I have tried during the last two years to improve communication and understanding between the community and ICHA and would like to continue that effort. With regard to one of the chief functions of the HRB, that of architectural review, my philosophy is to support the exercise of residents' own aesthetic judgment in the appearance of their properties.

Alan Terricciano:

My name is Alan Terricciano and I am a full-time faculty member in the Dance department at UCI. I have worked with HRB representatives Brian Cummings and Aileen Anderson over the past two years towards developing a dog park and improving the process of home purchases for new faculty in University Hills. I have also lived in University Hills for over seven years and feel that the participation of full-time faculty members in the community and HRB is essential for the community to be heard by ICHA and the University at large on issues pertaining to the quality of life in University Hills for current and incoming residents alike. Accordingly, I will focus on working with the other faculty and residents on the HRB towards this end, and appreciate your support.