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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

May 5, 2006

To the Editor:

To follow up on letters previously published from Luis Suarez-Villa and Gaurang and Kanwal Yodh (May 2006 issue of the Newsletter), I urge ICHA to include plans for accommodating older UH residents not only in moving to smaller units but to larger ones if that is what's needed. Many presume that senior or retired faculty want less space, but that is not our situation. In my departmental capacity I now host many more student meetings and seminars at my home. When I purchased a UH home, I was single. I have been married for several years now, and my wife and I have great need for more living space and storage room. Because of recent ill health, I also find that living adjacent to a busy road (and the construction of a seven-level garage) is very hard to endure. Yet every time my wife and I approach the housing office to ask for advice or help in moving to a larger home within University Hills, we've been put off—politely—with the reminder that new personnel come first. We certainly understand that, but we believe many new faculty or staff members would find our unit highly desirable. It really seems that no understanding or consideration is given to our changed needs. I doubt we are alone.

Why can't there be a mechanism in place to handle the housing needs of current residents? It seems reasonable that we should be assisted along with, or immediately after, attention is paid to newly hired staff and faculty.

—Keith Fowler, *Schubert Court*

## **HRB MEETING MINUTES - May 2, 2006**

**In Attendance:** Aileen Anderson, Rachel Gamby, Jeff Beckwith, Mostafa Eldefrawy, Komal Dewan, Chris Hane, Andrew Herndon, Ron Reid.

### **New Business**

#### **Palo Verde –Anteater Access Road**

Richard Demerjian, UCI director of campus planning, and Bill Zeller, assistant vice chancellor for housing, attended this month's meeting to discuss Palo Verde access to Anteater Drive. Today, access from Anteater is one-way into Palo Verde. Students at Palo Verde would like to exit onto Anteater. Such an exit would adversely affect homeowners immediately across from the exit due to headlight glare and increased traffic volumes. Rich presented 3 proposals for various median configurations and screening trees to mitigate the impact of the changes. There is still more work to do to determine if the sight lines and emergency vehicle access of these proposals are feasible.

Rachel Gamby also voiced concern that 2-way access on this road would effectively remove the bike lanes that currently exist. Komal Dewan inquired about the apparent short length of the median and if cars would spill out into Anteater while attempting left turns.

#### **UCI Police Department introduction**

The HRB was very pleased that UCIPD Chief Paul Henisey and Patrol Division Lieutenant Denny Jenner took the time from their busy schedules to introduce themselves to the HRB. They discussed the introduction of community policing tactics to UCIPD. Lt Jenner explained that the change would mean that patrol officers would consistently be assigned the same patrol zones. This means that UHills would be covered by a smaller set of day and night shift officers. The goal is for the officers to become more familiar with UHills. We would also have a chance to get to know our regular patrol officers.

Everyone also thanked the Chief and Lt. Jenner for the conspicuous presence of their officers enforcing the stop signs and speed limits in and around UHills.

The HRB invited Chief Henisey and his staff to attend the upcoming party to open the Indy 500 Dog Park and Gabrielino barbecue area. There may also be an event coordinated with National Night Out, August 1

(<http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/>).

### **UHills Budget**

The HRB reviewed a preliminary budget for next year. The draft budget showed a \$5 increase in homeowner dues. There were no other substantial changes. The increasing size of our community and postage costs are causing newsletter publishing fees to rise. The HRB will look into ways to mitigate these costs.

### **Harvey Court Mailboxes**

Residents are asked to pay particular attention to parking close to mailboxes. This has become an issue in Harvey Court where some boxes were repeatedly blocked by parked cars. ICHA is investigating alternatives, including relocating boxes and perhaps denser mailbox trees.

### **Smoke Alarms**

Phase 7 and 8 homes installed with BRK Electronics (First Alert) model 4120B and 4120SB smoke alarms should be aware that BRK has posted a notice about proper replacement batteries to use. Only Eveready models 1222 or 522 are recommended, others may lead to failure of the alarm. See <http://www.brkelectronics.com/notices/4120b.pdf> or call 1-800-323-9005. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has **not** ordered a recall.

### **Old Business**

#### **Community Survey**

ICHA assured the HRB that if the survey is administered in September the resulting community input would not be too late to influence the layout of the Community Center grounds. The HRB will continue to refine the survey so that it can be available online in September into early October. Two further survey topics were identified – interest in the UCI Shuttle Service serving U-Hills and whether the newsletter should become an e-Newsletter.

#### **Parking**

The next HRB meeting will be devoted to UHills parking issues. We will reschedule the next meeting to coincide with availability of Stacey Murren, Director of UCI Parking and Transportation and so that our venue doesn't conflict with voting.

#### **Townhome Garage Doors**

ICHA expects the new garage doors to be installed starting in mid-May.

#### **Architectural Reviews**

Two minor and two more substantial reviews were discussed. Of the two substantial ones, the first is being handled by the Whitman Condo II Board. The other is a renovation on Locke Court with some modification to rooflines.

#### **Dog Park**

The park is on track to open later in May. Mostafa Eldefrawy asked the HRB to approve use of HRB funds for the purchase of identifying T-shirts or vests for those volunteers who will be initially policing the park rules. The HRB approved.

#### **Parks Committee**

ICHA indicated the Gabrielino Barbecue area will be completed in mid-July. A combined opening party of the park and Indy 500 Dog Park will occur sometime thereafter. The HRB and Parks committee will work to finalize a date before the next meeting.

Next meeting is TBD due to the June 6 election (the ICHA conference trailer will likely be used for voting) and P&T Director Murren's schedule.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30 PM.

---Chris Hane, HRB

### **UHILLS SUMMER FIESTA**

Mark your calendar for the UHills Summer Fiesta at Gabrielino Park on Saturday, August 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This community party will be sponsored by the HRB in celebration of the completion of the major phase of construction at Gabrielino Park. The party will include fun activities for everyone: bounce houses, face painting, three-legged races, a water balloon toss, a community softball game and doggie treats for the new users of the dog park. Catered food and ice cream will be provided at a nominal cost of a few dollars.

A party of this magnitude obviously requires help from numerous volunteers to make it a success. I urge you to get involved in the planning or volunteer to take a half-hour long shift supervising one of the activities. Contact me at [chrishane@cox.net](mailto:chrishane@cox.net) to get involved now. We welcome your suggestions, and we look forward to this summer celebration, which we hope may become a yearly event. We will be requesting an RSVP to assist with ordering the food and drinks. Please keep an eye open for details in the July Newsletter.

---Tammy Smecker-Hane, Parks Committee Chair, [chrishane@cox.net](mailto:chrishane@cox.net)

## **MAY 2006 COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

### **Community Development**

*The new Gabrielino Community Park improvements are currently under maintenance by the installation contractor and will tentatively remain fenced off until the grass seed and sod areas root and can sustain pedestrian and animal traffic. Contingent on the speed in which the turf fills in, Management anticipates the opening of the Indy 500 Dog Run around the third week of May (tentative). The seeded areas and BBQ will require a substantially longer grow-in period and should be available in early to mid June weather permitting. The two gas BBQ units will be installed in June. All play equipment and courts remain operational.*

*The ICHA conference trailer is now operational. Management has contacted the Orange County Registrar of Voters and will be offering the facility for U Hills voting for the June 6 election.*

*Underground infrastructure improvements for the Santiago Apartments continue. Foundations are anticipated to begin in July / August with occupancy summer 2007.*

*Area 9 Architectural design continues with California Pacific (Proposed Builder) assisting Management with design input.*

*A mainline reclaimed water extension is being installed along Gabrielino Drive to serve the Santiago Apts. Future connections will be made to this line extension to convert landscape areas below Vista Bonita Drive from domestic to less expensive and environmentally appropriate reclaimed water.*

*LP3 will be delivering a conceptual plan for the Community Building later this week. This plan will be used to obtain a preliminary cost estimate to confirm financial feasibility. Management will coordinate a preview of this plan with interested members of the ICHA Board, HRB and CCC.*

### **Architectural Review**

*Four new architectural applications were received and are under review.*

- Mendel - Low wall and fence installation
- Harvey Ct – Oversized Vehicle storage
- Locke Ct. – Kitchen, bedroom and garage building (second story) expansion
- Whitman Ct - interior floor application (Whitman Condo II Board Issue)

### **Community Maintenance**

#### **On Going and Completed Community Improvements and Repair Work**

##### **Work in Process:**

*The Los Trancos Pool repairs and related reserve replacements are nearing completion. Assuming no surprises, the facility should be operational by the weekend of May 13. Gabrielino Pool is operational while the Los Trancos Pool is down. Management proposes to keep both pools operational from this point through the summer. The Urey Spa resurfacing is tentatively set for mid May with the entire facility to be operational by the end of May.*

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA VP Community Development

## **DOG RUN RULES FOR THE INDY 500**

The Indy 500 is open 8:00 AM to 9:00PM Monday through Friday, and 9:00 AM to 8:00PM Saturday, Sunday and University holidays.

By entering, you agree to abide and be bound by the following rules:

1. This is a "Use at your own Risk" facility. You agree to indemnify the UC Regents, ICHA, HRB and their volunteers, and acknowledge that the above parties are not liable for injury or damages that may occur to you or your dog(s).
2. You agree to be responsible for and in control of your dog(s) at all times. You agree to be liable for any injuries caused by excessive behavior of your dog(s) to a person or another dog.
3. Dogs must have a valid dog license from the City of Irvine (IMC Sec. 4-5-209).
4. Aggressive behavior and/or excessive barking are not permitted. If your dog(s) cannot be controlled, they may be asked to leave by other residents or a Dog Run Volunteer. Problem dogs and/or uncooperative owners may be banned from this

- community park by Dog Run Volunteers (appeals can be made to the HRB).
5. Dogs in heat or that are lactating, or dogs with a communicable disease (for example, kennel cough) are prohibited.
  6. This facility is for the use of University Hills residents and their immediate guests only. Any user can request that you show identification with a University Hills address. Guests must be accompanied by a current resident.
  7. Residents must clean up after their own dog(s), both in and outside of this facility and dispose of waste in appropriate waste containers (IMC Sec 4-5-710).
  8. A resident may bring/supervise no more than three dogs at any given time and must remain within the facility with their dog(s).
  9. Dogs must be supervised by someone at least 12 years of age. This is a dog run, not a child's playground; children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult.
  10. Please be a good neighbor and adhere to the hours of operations.

Gates must remain locked at all times to insure safety and security.

If you have questions, comments, or complaints, or would like to volunteer, please contact Brian Cummings at [cummings@uci.edu](mailto:cummings@uci.edu). Please include the words "Dog Run" in the subject line.

If there is a problem requiring immediate attention, call the UCI Police at 949-824-5223. Dog bites must be reported to Animal Control at 949-724-7092.

### WEST NILE VIRUS INFORMATION

Below is a good source of information for anyone interested in finding out more about West Nile Virus.

<http://www.ocvcd.org/index.php?ct=wnv1>

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA

### VANDALISM IN OUR COMMUNITY HURTS US ALL

Since January of this year, the following incidents of vandalism have occurred. There is almost always a related cost to repair damage, and often there is a threat to public safety. Please keep an eye open and help to keep University Hills clean, safe and minimally affected. If you suspect an event is in process call UCIPD (911 on a land line) or Dispatch at 824-5223

<u>Damages</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Damage to the Gabrielino Community Park Dog Run and Picnic area during construction	Estimated \$2500
Beer bottles and trash at Vista Binita Park	Broken glass adjacent to the tot lot sand
Broken lighting bollards along Vista Bonita Park and Paseo (two occurrences)	Estimated \$3000
Graffiti on Sidewalks along Vista Bonita Park and Area 7 Paseo (two occurrences)	Estimated \$ 600
Soap in Jacuzzi (Three occurrences)	Estimated \$ 400
Broken display board at tennis courts	Estimated \$ 250
Broken tennis court roller tools (Two)	Estimated \$ 300

---Andrew J. Herndon, ICHA VP Community Development

### UCI TOWN AND GOWN

Have you been wondering what kind of organization Town and Gown is, and whether it might be something for you? Well, this is a good time to find out. The old year ended as of the Annual Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and plans for the new school year are under way. New members are always welcome. The main purpose of the organization is to raise money for UCI Scholarships, and having fun doing it in fellowship with members from the community as well as the University. Annual dues are only \$25 for an individual, or \$35 for a couple. For more information call the membership chairman, Fran Schinkel at (949) 737-6725.

---Jean Aldrich, Town & Gown

### STEP INTO SUMMER

There is an upcoming campus wide event that is open to the campus community, including students, faculty, staff and their families. The event, "Step Into Summer" will be held on **June 3 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the ARC Pool**. It is a luau/pool party event sponsored by Mesa Court Housing, Arroyo Vista Housing, and Campus Recreation. From 10 a.m.-12 noon, there will be family-oriented activities and children's games/giveaways. At 12 noon, food will be served, catered from L&L Hawaiian Barbecue. Everyone is welcome and it is free to all faculty, staff and their families.

**[Editor's Note: Last month we published the summer swim program for the ARC. We assumed this was synonymous with the Uni Hills program. It is not. Below, we are including the Uni Hills summer swim program, which is held at one of the Uni Hills pools. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused]**

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UC Irvine Campus Recreation  
2006 University Hills Summer Aquatics Program

## About the Program

The UC Irvine, Department of Campus Recreation will again offer the swim instruction program at University Hills. The Group lesson program is open to children age 3 years and up. **Only University Hills residents are eligible for these swim lessons.** Instruction begins on June 26, 2006 at the "upper" pool in University Hills. Lessons are scheduled in three two-week sessions meeting 3 days a week (Monday-Wednesday-Friday). Classes are 25 minutes in length and taught between 9:00am and 12:00 noon. Group lessons will have minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 students. All children who complete the lessons receive a UCI Campus Recreation Swim Certificate. This program is supervised by the Campus Recreation staff. All instructors have completed Red Cross certification in Lifeguard training along with UCI's in-service training program.

## Dates

**Session 1:** June 26 – July 7

**Session 2:** July 10 – 21

**Session 3:** July 24 - August 4

**Enrollment:** Enrollment begins on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Campus Recreation Services located in the Anteater Recreation Center. The office is open from 8am – 6pm, Monday - Friday. You may pay by cash, check (payable to UC Regents) or credit card (Visa/MasterCard). Take the registration form to the ARC or mail the completed form (**with signed waiver**) to:

**Campus Recreation Services, 680 California Ave., Irvine, CA 92697-4515**

**949-824-3738**

Please register at least 10 days prior to the desired session to ensure availability. You will be notified only if we are not able to accommodate your request.

**Cost: \$38** **No refunds after the 1<sup>st</sup> class lesson.** Changes and refund requests prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson are subject to a \$10 processing fee.

**Levels:** Levels 1-4 are listed on the enrollment forms. These will be used as our guidelines and will be adjusted and adapted to meet the individual participants. We will attempt to group students by age and ability.

## Private Lessons

Private and Semi- private lessons are available for children 2.5 and up. These lessons are scheduled Monday – Thursday from 2:30pm - 4:00pm. Please contact Campus Recreation Services at 949-824-3738 for availability.

**Cost:** \$14 for privates, \$16 or semi-privates (\$8 per student) for a 25 minute lesson. Semi-private children must be at the same level, and must be grouped by the participants.

## ARC Swim Lessons

Swim classes will also be offered through Campus Recreation at the Anteater Recreation Center. Adult lessons as well as children's classes are offered. Classes at the ARC will go up through level 5. Lessons at the ARC are open to the children of the UCI Community including UCI Students, Faculty, Staff, and non-ARC members.

### 2006 Summer Aquatics Schedule

#### University Hills

Session Dates	Time	Days	Level
June 26 <sup>th</sup> – July 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 9:30am	Mon/Wed/Friday	1 – Intro to Water Skills 2 – Fundamental Skills
June 26 <sup>th</sup> – July 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 10:00am	Mon/Wed/Friday	2 – Fundamental Skills 3/4 – Stroke Development/Improvement
June 26 <sup>th</sup> - July 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 10:30am	Mon/Wed/Friday	1 – Intro to Water Skills 2 – Fundamental Skills
June 26 <sup>th</sup> - July 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 – 11:00am	Mon/Wed/Friday	2 – Fundamental Skills 3 – Stroke Development
June 26 <sup>th</sup> - July 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 – 11:30am	Mon/Wed/Friday	1 – Intro to Water Skills 3/4 – Stroke Development/Improvement
June 26 <sup>th</sup> - July 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 – 12:00pm	Mon/Wed/Friday	1 – Intro to Water Skills 2 – Fundamental Skills
July 10 <sup>th</sup> – July 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 – 9:30am	Mon/Wed/Friday	1 – Intro to Water Skills 2 – Fundamental Skills
July 10 <sup>th</sup> – July 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 – 10:00am	Mon/Wed/Friday	1/2 – Fundamental Skills 3/4 – Stroke Development/Improvement
July 10 <sup>th</sup> – July 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 – 10:30am	Mon/Wed/Friday	1 – Intro to Water Skills 2 – Fundamental Skills
July 10 <sup>th</sup> – July 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 – 11:00am	Mon/Wed/Friday	2 – Fundamental Skills 3 – Stroke Development
July 10 <sup>th</sup> – July 21 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 – 11:30am	Mon/Wed/Friday	1 – Intro to Water Skills 3/4 – Stroke Development/Improvement
July 10 <sup>th</sup> – July 21 <sup>st</sup>	11:30 – 12:00pm	Mon/Wed/Friday	1 – Intro to Water Skills



**Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills** - Purpose: Give children success with fundamental skills. Skills include: Submerging entire head, Front and back glide, Treading water using arm and leg motions, Swimming using combined stroke on front, back and side, Jellyfish float

**Level 3: Stroke Development** - Purpose: Build on the skills in Level 2 by providing additional guided practice. Skills include: Rotary breathing in horizontal position, Front and back glide, Front and back crawl, Survival float, back float, Butterfly-kick and body motion

**Level 4: Stroke Improvement** - Purpose: Develop confidence in the strokes learned and improve other aquatic skills. Skills include: Elementary backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, Swim underwater, Survival float, back float, Tread water using sculling arm motions and kick

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Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE  
Campus Recreation and Anteater Recreation Center **Children's Swim Programs**

Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

**Waiver:** In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in **Campus Recreation or Anteater Recreation Center Youth and Family Programs. Including but not limited to participating in Children's Swim Lessons at the Anteater Recreation Center Pool, or other Drop-in Activities,** hereinafter called "The Activity", I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, **do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue** The Regents of the University of California, its officers, employees, and agents from liability **from any and all claims including the negligence of The Regents of the University of California, its officers, employees and agents,** resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in The Activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

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Date

**Assumption of Risks:** Participation in The Activity carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but the risks range from 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains to 2) major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions to 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death.

**I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent** in The Activity. I hereby **assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.**

**Indemnification and Hold Harmless:** I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD The Regents of the University of California HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my involvement in The Activity and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

**Severability:** The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of California and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

**Acknowledgment of Understanding:** I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and **understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.** I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and **intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability** to the greatest extent allowed by law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor

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Date

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Signature of Participant

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Date

Participants Age (if minor) \_\_\_\_\_