


Come see the musical talents of our neighbors. Check out page 5 for more details.



Looking to learn a new skill this summer? Check out page 6 for information on piano lessons.

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The Bear Facts *Newsletter*

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UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS SOUTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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A Letter from the President

Greetings!

May is upon us, the weather is getting warmer, and our proximity to the ocean is a privilege many of us have never had before moving to West Los Angeles. Below are some fun things to consider doing this month and information on our visit with Dr. Alexander.

The UCLA Marina Aquatic Center is great place to visit this summer. Here you can rent aquatic equipment and attend classes that are open to students and the public. Eligible students can receive reduced rates or free classes. Some of the equipment available to rent includes kayaks, rowing shells, sailboats, stand up paddle boards, and windsurf boards. The Marina Aquatic Center is in Marina Del Rey at 14001 Fiji Way. It is located off a bike pathway, so be extra careful when driving over there. You can find additional information here: <http://www.recreation.ucla.edu/mac>.

On May 20th from 11am to 3pm, we will be hosting our first Spring Talent Show. I am very excited about this, as we will have the chance to see our neighbors share their artistic ability. With talent levels that range from enthusiast to professional, we are in for quite the show! The event will take place at the Sepulveda basketball courts located, as we are trying to hold more events on this side of UV.

Doctor Alexander, the Director of the Academic Advancement Program and Associate Vice-Provost for Student Diversity, came to April's Board Meeting and General Assembly Meeting. Much of the discussion focused on ways to advocate for more affordable childcare for UAS residents. The dialogue was long, but he made suggestions on how to voice our concerns to the university. We intend to make changes to the childcare situation that parenting students currently endure. Please take a look at the minutes for both the Board and General Assembly meetings to read more in depth about our discussion.

Finally, if you are in need of an advocate or have concerns, please email me at uasrapresident@gmail.com. You can also email the entire board at uasrboard@gmail.com, as we are here to serve the community.

Best,

Andrew Winn

2016-2017 President

A Message from Health and Safety



Hello Residents,

I hope everyone is doing well. In April a person was struck by a vehicle on the Sepulveda side while walking in the marked crosswalk. This was a very unfortunate accident and I think it is important to provide our community with pedestrian safety tips:

- * ALWAYS make eye contact with a driver before crossing the street in front of vehicles.
- * Wear bright or reflective clothing while walking.
- * Walk defensively and be ready for unexpected events. Pay attention to what is going on around you.
- * Do not walk distracted such as having on headphones, talking on a phone, or walking with your head down.
- * Do not assume because a sign states “NO TURN ON RED” that a driver will obey the rule. Wait until you make eye contact with the driver before walking across the street.
- * Do not try to run across the street with little seconds left. For example, if the pedestrian cross signal is flashing 3 seconds do not try to make it to the other side. Wait for the seconds to restart to allow yourself enough time to cross safely.
- * If walking at night, carry a flashlight.
- * Cross streets in designated crossing areas only if available.

For more pedestrian safety tips please visit the links below:

<http://www.rtcwashoe.com/PubTrans/documents/WalkingSafetyTips.pdf>

<http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/pedestrian-safety/tips-pedestrian-safety/#.WQAzIFPyuYU>

http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/community/tips_pedestrian.cfm

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/pedestriansafety/>

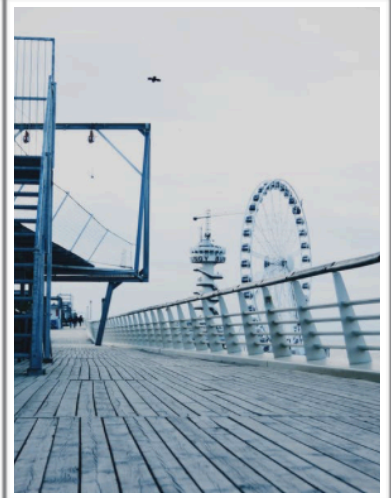
Good luck this quarter!

Safety & Health Delegate,

Shanelle Wade

Out and About in LA

CHECK OUT THESE FUN EVENTS FOR FAMILIES AND COUPLES AROUND THE CITY.
CLICK ON THE LINKS FOR MORE DETAILS.



Wake Up with the Waves

When: Every Saturday through May 20th
Where: Santa Monica Pier
Admission: Free
<http://santamonicapier.org/wakeupwiththewaves/>

National Public Gardens Day at The Getty

When: May 12th
Where: Getty Villa
Price: Free
<http://www.getty.edu/visit/cal/days/20170512.html>

Echo Park Craft Fair

When: Mar 13th-14th
Where: Mack Sennett Studios, LA
Admission: \$10-25
<http://echoparkcraftfair.com>

California Strawberry Festival

When: May 20-21th
Where: Oxnard, CA
Price: General Admission \$12
<http://castrawberryfestival.org>

MAINopoly: A Taste of Main

When: May 28th
Where: Santa Monica, CA
Admission: \$25-40
<http://mainopolysm.com>

UCLA Athletics

Check out the UCLA Athletics calendar for events throughout the month:
<http://www.uclabruins.com/calendar.aspx?date=1/12/2017&vtype=month>

Just for Fun

CELEBRATE A NEIGHBOR

CHECK OUT WHO WE'RE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

Katherine, a soon-to-be-graduate will be walking in several ceremonies this coming June to pick up her college Honors certificate, Film & TV Minor, and B.A. degrees in Gender Studies and History. The last ceremony she will attend will be the PSUCLA (Parenting Students of UCLA) hosted ceremony for Students with Dependents (Sunday, June 18th 1pm-4pm). Katherine, a signatory of PSUCLA and a Students with Dependents Intern is especially excited for this celebration. "The Parenting Graduation is a chance for other Non-traditional students, and Graduate/ Doctorate students with families, to honor the contribution,



sacrifices and support our partners, parents and children have made to support us as students." This celebration will conclude a year spent working in the Bruin Resource Center striving to connect other SwD's to each other and the campus. "It isn't easy to be a parenting student," she admits, "but it is a lot easier when you have the support of your community." She feels she has definitely found that community here at the University Village. Katherine and her husband take turns with other neighbors walking their children and other Bruin kids to Clover Elementary and babysitting them after school. "My children have made life-long friends here." When Katherine and her family move out in June, she hopes to settle nearby, get her Master's and hopefully keep in contact with the many wonderful families she's met here. "I hope to get my teaching credential and then.... who knows?! Teaching women's history at a high school or community college is definitely a consideration ... or maybe screenwriting? Time will tell. You're never too old to change everything!"

The Celebrate a Neighbor portion of our newsletter was created in hopes of shedding light on the positive things happening throughout our community. Each month a resident or resident family that has been nominated by a fellow neighbor will be featured for contributing to the greater good of our community. Nominate a neighbor by emailing Thebearfactsnewsletter@gmail.com by the 25th of each month.

Upcoming Events and Classes



You're Invited! **UASRA SPRING SING**

Saturday, May 20, 2017, 2-5pm

University Village Sepulveda Side
Basketball Court

Come enjoy the talents of your
neighbors. Music, singing, dancing, etc.
Celebrate the diversity of our community
with song.



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For more information and references contact:
Dr. Alan Oettinger
310-398-1497

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Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 5th, 2017

-Introductions

-Parenting needs and support with Dr A. (discussion topics and points):

Can't believe one of the greatest universities in the world is doing such a terrible job when it comes to helping students with dependents. The university should be investing in its students. It's very clear UCLA doesn't do well. It's doesn't surprise him, he's been here for 10 years. Every UC is different when it comes to all options. UCLA is very clear to be one of the least to take care of its students. Many students all across the board tell stories about how much debt they accrue. Reserving housing is so bad that people have to jeopardize coming to UCLA because they can't pay deposits. Many people at UCLA don't really care. The progress has been very slow, but it is getting better. However, it is still not enough.

-There is a discussion to increase pay of TA and RA's.

-This doesn't sound right, we need some more ears to listen to get things moving. Vice Chancellor would be a great person to invite to the meeting. UCLA would be extremely embarrassed to hear this. Dr. A feels that he's a great advocate to bring attention to this. There absolutely has to be change.

-Sarah Beach - She became interested in finding affordable childcare options. She has done research on how much of an issue affordable childcare is.

-Personal stories told by Jen, Mike, Cristal, Kevin, Ana Paula, Addae

-Everything is in a box. There is no compassion. The programs need to be supported with focus.

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-How can we push this argument to see a positive change?

-Little Bruin Clubhouse does not have a dedicated space yet. We can work on expanding that space by encouraging use of this program for families with dependents.

-Academic Welfare Senate members, the Chair, Vice Chancellor (we need these people to visit and get things moving).

-MOCA needs to get involved.

-Dr. A will happily assist us with getting something moving and facilitate any meeting we need.

-Bring up rentals on April 20th at 9am in Campbell Hall - people are in apartments they don't want.

-Parent Appreciation week

-Bake Sale: UASRA allowing fundraising in the reservable spaces. 1/3 of the students come from low income families. Rules need to be changed for fundraising events; We need to find out who is responsible.

-END-

General Assembly Minutes

Date: 04.19.2017

Location: 3200 Sawtelle Blvd.

Started: 7:15pm

Public Comments (none)

Questions with Dr. Alexander 20 Minutes

Doctor Alexander explained what the AAP does, more of that information can be found on these websites:

- <http://www.aap.ucla.edu/>
- <http://www.aap.ucla.edu/about-aap/aap-facts/>

Question: What did you take from what was shared at the smaller meeting?

Dr. A.: I have been sharing the testimonials. I suggest getting the right people in a room (Academic Senate, Chancellor, a support system, and a facilitator) to hear this.

Question: Many of us here are going through difficult situations concerning child care, salaries, and housing. We don't know who to go to for assistance. How do we get help?

Dr. A.: Bring the right people in the room to listen to what you have to say (Vice Chancellor for the university, student welfare, housing, etc.).

Question: What were the reactions of the people who can make a difference within the university after hearing our stories?

Dr. A.: They were surprised, and they deflect for him to talk to other people... most people are astonished. The university has a responsibility to us, especially a community like ours. They need to provide some sort of support or ways to access the challenges. It has to be widely known.

Question: Can you help us get the people you've suggested in a room? What information should we present to them?

Dr. A.: Survey data on leasing and childcare from the community to find our immediate needs. That data is incredibly valuable. Be strategic; These people are more calculated and strategic. Gather the data, figure out who presents what, and what information you have to present. A small impact group is much more efficient.

Question: What other information would be important aside from just our community needs?

Dr. A.: Comparable data from other universities, especially Berkley. Also, find out what other people are doing across the system. These problems are system-wide. Ask why this is happening here. Other places have taken steps to do something. One quick action could be to write a regent. Find someone that has a specific background in this or that can help us. Then, send a copy to the Chair. Always cc'd the Chair.

Question: What about going to the media and embarrassing the university? How does that apply?

Dr. A.: First you need to get people to hear about it ... We need to open the lens to this. We need to show this to the university. There is a whole lot of money that donors want to use to make a difference. There are so many people looking to help. I am always available, and can get people in a room to listen. This is not an old issue. If they don't respond the right way, that's when you have leverage to circulate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ROSIAO

When I was five years old, my eleven year old sister was hit on a crosswalk. She cannot speak, walk or talk. The traffic light on Sepulveda/Clover needs to be removed completely or upgraded to a full traffic light. We need to come together and work on improving the crosswalk. I propose informing the community how to properly cross the street. It is dangerous. Paul Koretz is our council member and we can notify him here:

[http://
councilmemberpaulkoretz.com/
/](http://councilmemberpaulkoretz.com/)

Ideas presented for crosswalk solution:

- Maybe bring in our members to a meeting
- Contact the university transportation to lean on our councilmen
- Present information from someone first hand that was hit on the crosswalk
- Request a crossing guard
- Work with local school to also place pressure for change

UCPD Report
Office Briggs (absent)

Management Report
Lizca Spalding

Question: Can you explain the parking being reduced for blue tag?

Answer: It's for faculty; faculty cars are currently triple-parked and they spend a ton of time moving cars around.

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Ideas to present to Management:

-Bring up the idea of finding alternative ideas.

-Can we assign some of the “no parking zones” as actual places to park?

-Can we convert preschool parking spaces?

-3100 gate needs to be installed.

AC Coordinator

-He’s at Keystone. Residents are not allowed to have automatic garages with clickers. Cars are stuck in or out of garage and it’s not their job to assist with this. If a clicker gets lost anyone can get in.

-Codes have been changed.

-Garbage disposals are also your own responsibility.

-For lockouts please stay around your door.

Sawtelle A

Spring event Saturday, May 6th from 10:00am- 12:00pm (Book theme with crafts, book readings, and book exchange)

Sawtelle D

Earth Day theme event on Sunday, May 7th from 12:30-2:30pm.

Sepulveda C

Spring event on Sunday, May 7th from 12:00-3:00pm.

Sepulveda B

Spring event on Saturday, May 6th at 10:00am.

Sawtelle C

Had a successful Easter event with an egg hunt.

Sawtelle B

Already had their spring event. Also, please check on the water faucet.

Community Center Maintenance Coordinator

Deevi Soumyasri- Nothing to report

Sepulveda Maintenance Coordinator

Liz Stephenson- Needs drop box key

Green Coordinator

Maryam Ghavanloughajar- Nothing to report

Community Gardener Supervisor

Andrew deWaard (Excused)
-No water coming out keystone
Mentone

Safety and Health Delegate

Shanelle Wade-James
- 15 people for CPR (was the perfect amount)
- People reserving tables, we cannot make a clear sign

Community Center Coordinator Report

Ana Paula Quintana- Contracts are updated.

Events Coordinator Report

- Game night 75+ attendees.
- Sepulveda-side event is next, which will be the Spring Sing on May 20th.

Newsletter Editor Report

Lisa Rodriguez (Excused)

Secretary Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer Report- Event requests are great and fast!

Vice President Report

-Working on a survey in response to Dr Alexander.

-If you are a unit rep with maintenance requests please email Kevin.

Andrew Winn

-Saturday at 10am there is a research event with the Library. They can assist with how to use library resources. Andy will take some headshots. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Residential Life Advisor Report

Addae Jahdai-Brown
-Pool Party planned May 19th, 5:00-9:00pm
-Graduate and professional survey will open tonight until June. Lots of prizes (done every 3 years).

Ended: 8:45pm

Stay Connected

UASRA

Attend our General Assembly Meetings:

The UASRA hosts a monthly General Assembly meeting where we invite UA/S management and the UC Police Department to inform the residents of current issues as well as respond to residents' questions about the complexes. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Food and childcare are provided free of charge.

The General Assembly is held every 3rd Wednesday of the month except for August and December. The GA takes place in the Community Center, which is located directly across from the pool on the Sawtelle side of University Village (3200 Sawtelle Blvd). Our next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

Useful Numbers and Information:

MAIN OFFICE (LOCATED AT 3200 SAWTELLE): 310-398-4692

General resident inquiries/concerns

Email: uas@ha.ucla.edu

UCPD: 310-825-1491

**US POSTAL INSPECTORS:
877-876-2455**

Report all package thefts to this 24/7 number

**EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE LINE
(24/7): (310) 391-0686**

During non-business hours report any emergency maintenance issues and all other urgent issues (noise complaints, plumbing issues, lockouts, etc.)

**MAINTENANCE REQUESTS (GENERAL,
NON- EMERGENCY REQUESTS):**

<https://hhs.maximo.ucla.edu/maximo/webclient/login/login.jsp?welcome=true>

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