Dear Residents,

As we enter November and our academic year is in full swing, I hope this message finds you in good spirits and health. I must confess that October has been quite busy for UASRA and its officers in terms of events and meetings and I will try to cover briefly all that is happening in our residences.

Community and Neighborhood Safety

Per residents’ requests, we’ve started a series of seminars and events where local law enforcement representatives and activists join us in town hall meetings and discussions. Our first meeting was held in early October and was quite successful with more than 70 people in attendance. We had Marisa Stewart, president of local Community Safety Network, 9-1-1 Emergency Communications representative and Senior Lead Officer from LAPD talk to our residents and answer any questions. While we and Office of Residential Life are working on uploading the video of this meeting online, here is the brief summary of this meeting:

- 911 has language services available to anyone in distress. If you or someone you know doesn’t speak English fluently, you may state the language at the start of the call and you will be transferred to representatives that can help you. For your own safety and the safety of people around you, please follow the instructions of 911 operators and let law enforcement handle the situation.

- If you are being robbed, please stay calm, give whatever the criminal(s) are asking and note anything that might identify the suspect(s) later on. The material things can be replaced and your health and safety are far more important.

- Please do not leave valuables visible on your property (home, car etc). While we can do little about the criminal motivation, we can remove opportunistic behavior by hiding our bags and purses in the trunk of the car and closing blinds while we are out of the apartment.
Please report anything you find suspicious or criminal to your law enforcement agencies (LAPD and UCPD)! No law enforcement can work on hearsay and need evidence and witness account to take action. It is important that the victim call these agencies herself/himself and file the report. If necessary, police will arrive at your residence and take notes there.

The neighborhood watch is now active in our community and we notify either UA or UCPD when problems arise (our apologies for not responding to volunteers on time, we appreciate your time and will try to communicate on a regular basis). In addition, there was a Security Site Survey conducted on Sawtelle and Sepulveda sites by UCPD Crime Prevention unit in the presence of UA management, UCPD officer, resident representative and UASRA president. The recommendations of UCPD Crime Prevention are in the following pages of this newsletter and it is important that residents heed these recommendations. The minutes of Policy Review and General Assembly (GA) Meetings are in our newsletter as well and will give you the current state of measures taken by UA management.

Meeting with Big Blue Bus Representatives

Big Blue Bus agency has been proposing changes to the routes of buses serving neighborhood areas. While the Lines 6 and 8 will continue as usual, there is a proposed change in Line 12. Instead of driving on Sepulveda Blvd, it was proposed to divert this line towards Overland Avenue and by-pass the off-campus UCLA residences. The reasoning is that there are less UCLA students/staff that live in Sepulveda/Sawtelle area! Obviously, they were completely misinformed and we were livid about this proposed change. Both UA management and UASRA will be in contact with Big Blue Bus representatives, Santa Monica City council and UCLA transportation to prevent this change.

In addition to these reports, we have seen a series of social events organized by UASRA officers and I would like to thank all that attended and volunteered for these events. Special thanks goes to our Event Coordinator Negar Omid in organizing and executing these events, Venice/Barry unit representative Aaron Cayer and ORL advisor Addae Jaddae-Brown in helping with Welcome Event. There will be a UASRA Garage/Yard Sale on November 8th, 2014 and all residents are welcome to set-up their goodies and sell their unused stuff along Sawtelle or Sepulveda side.

Lastly, our GA meeting will be held on November 19th, 2014 at 7 pm in the Sawtelle Community Center. UA Management, UCPD, Apartment Coordinators, board members, officers and other residents will be present and this is a great forum to receive information and have your input in our community. Childcare and dinner will, as always, be provided during the GA meeting. Please note that there will be no Newsletter published or GA meeting held in December due to winter break and we will resume UASRA activities in January of 2015. I hope to see you all at the GA meeting.

Kind Regards,
Saken Sherkhanov
2014-2015 UASRA President

You can now join us on Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/groups/UASRA/]
Minutes from UASRA Board Meeting

Wednesday October 1st, 2014 pm

Board Members

Saken Sherkhanov, President
Kevin (Wenbo) Xin, Vice-President
Jihyun Yeo, Treasurer
Miria Biller Hendrickson, Secretary (excused; Saken Sherkhanov was taking notes)
Carmen Flores Bjurstrom, Newsletter Editor
Negar Omidakhsh, Event Coordinator
Zahabiyah Dahodwala, Community Center Coordinator
Patience Afulani, Safety and Health Delegate

ORL Advisor

Addae Jahdai-Brown

1. Call to Order


   a. The concerns of residents were relayed to management. Residents asked for increased
      UCPD patrols, cameras at the pedestrian entrances, better communication in regards to
      safety and security around the grounds and signs to be posted in the area notifying that
      area is patrolled. Management asked about feasibility of turning Sepulveda Resource
      Room into police substation.
   b. There will be a Site Security Survey done by UCPD with the presence of management and
      UASRA representatives to identify any improvements to the housing sites (Sepulveda and
      Sawtelle sites at the moment)
   c. UASRA reported to management the findings of Neighborhood Watch.

4. Information Item: Budget Talk with UA Management on upcoming 2014-2015 UA budget will
   be held on October 7th, 2014.

5. Information Item: Representatives from Big Blue Bus will hold UCLA meeting with students
   and faculty and UASRA members are asked to participate (October 6th, 2014).

6. Information Item: New UASRA Event Report Form is being developed and board members are
   asked to give feedback by October 6th, 2014.

7. Action Item: Waiver for one of the resident’s ad in newsletter was suggested and approved
   unanimously.

8. Information Item: UASRA Website needs updating and to function properly. Board members
   are to give feedback to Secretary and President by next board meeting.

9. Action Item: The change in Childcare Reimbursement for GA meetings was proposed by
   President and approved unanimously (first 90 minutes is 20$ and every 30 minutes are 10$ additional)
10. **Discussion Item:** There is a time conflict of Community Safety Event and UCLA recreation classes and Community Center coordinator and Vice president contacted UCLA recreation about possible changes. The classes are cancelled for October 6th, 2014 and will be offered at the end of the quarter.

11. **Discussion Item:** Safety Delegate updated board members on upcoming Community Safety Event. Event Coordinator will help with organizing the event and President will contact necessary agencies and advertise the event online.

12. **Action Item:** Purchase of Video Equipment for UASRA was denied by board and ORL will provide necessary equipment when needed.

13. **Information Item:** Event coordinator informed board about upcoming UASRA events (Welcome Event, Halloween) and informed about the time conflict with UCLA recreation classes. UCLA Recreation will be contacted and asked to cancel one class during Halloween Event (October 31st, 2014). The budget and the events details were discussed in a meeting.

14. **Information Item:** Newsletter Editor made suggestions regarding newsletter contents and possibility of including stories from residents in the upcoming newsletter. All board members are to review October’s Newsletter and provide feedback by October 4th, 2014.

15. **Discussion Item:** President and ORL Advisor reminded Vice President to send out information to unit representatives about their unit events, the procedures and the walkthroughs. Vice president will email unit representatives with sample event unit summaries, budgets and walkthroughs from previous years. Vice president will be in constant contact with unit reps and event coordinator and help with any problems that may arise.

16. **Information Items:** ORL Advisor informed about the upcoming event (Students with Dependents) organized by ORL. There will be a series of events for parents living in UAS and UASRA will work with ORL in informing the residents about these events.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:20 pm
Minutes from UASRA General Assembly Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Call to Order (7:24 p.m.)

Public Comments – none.

AC Report (Charles Brooks)

- Personal home security alarms are not allowed – can complicate lock outs.
- Noise complaints - difficult to deal with, subjective issue. If continual problems with repeat offenders -> contact community coordinators in the main office.
- Regis Mesko, UAS Facilities Manager, will investigate an odd fire alarm event that occurred last Saturday in the 3300 building around 8 p.m.
- It is not allowed to open the door into the hallway to try to decrease smoke or smells generated while cooking. May set off the central alarm system, alert fire department, possibly cause an evacuation. Open the windows instead.

UCPD Report

Regarding parking citations:

- Only issued as needed, not primary concern except when it comes to repeat offenders, as is currently the case with Sepulveda childcare parking lot.
- Will issue the same car a citation 2 or 3 times before having it towed. Call UCPD if your car is towed.
- It is not allowed to leave you car parked on the street when you are out of town.
- UCPD receives no monetary benefit for parking citations.
- Every resident has the right to fight a citation through parking services.
- Large increase of vehicle thefts – not on our property but in the area surroundings. LAPD and UCPD addressing the problem, patrolling at night. If you park out on the street, you’re taking a chance especially if you leave items in plain view. Wherever you park - hide it, lock it, keep it.
- Justin Nicholas James, a known criminal, has just been released with a court-ordered permission-to-search clause. If you see him, please call UCPD/LAPD immediately (separate e-mail, including photo, has been sent through Management).

Management Report:

- Glass cases + locks at Keystone/Mentone have been fixed.
- Flyers that are not stamped + dated will be taken down.
- Elevators have been inspected and we are waiting to receive the issued permits.
- Trash chutes in Venice/Barry are being cleaned.
- Doors have been fixed and Sepulveda exit gate is locked during daytime.
- Mentone mailbox panel has been pried open – the entire bank has to be replaced. A temporary solution will be implemented, and a long-term solution and design for mailboxes and parcel boxes is underway (including Sawtelle and Sepulveda sites).
- Our own trash compactors will soon be up and running again.
- Construction at Venice/Barry will take about two more years.
- Management/UCPD independent site survey was performed to assess security:
- Windows + blinds left open with no one home is a security risk. People at home don’t keep their doors latched. Especially important for first floor residents to use latch.
- Entryways of mailbox areas - residents are letting people in without knowing if they are residents. Each person let in is a potential threat.
- Lights, new signs by the main entry on Sawtelle and Sepulveda are being installed and have partially been fixed.
UAS Management

- USPS have been directed not to leave packages by the pedestrian entrances. The safest way to get, and keep, packages is to use signature conformation or order to your work address.
- Ongoing discussion about installing parcel/package boxes / temporary storage pods for all UAS buildings in anticipation for the holidays.
- Noise complaints – don’t wait for the situation to escalate, talk to your neighbor or a service coordinator at the UA management office. Noise is subjective and is about perception.

General Officers’ Reports

- Sepulveda A: Mailbox area situation improved. Maintenance request for the Sepulveda main drive-in gate as card-reader is malfunctioning from time to time.
- Sepulveda C: Halloween event for the unit is coming up soon.
- Sawtelle A: it is not allowed to dry clothes, pillows, mattresses etc outdoors. Playgrounds seem dirty. Shopping carts shall never be inside complex and are removed.
- Sawtelle B: it is not allowed to open your door into the hallway while cooking (see above). Might trigger fire alarms and nuisance to the residents.
- Sawtelle D: Organizing unit event this month. Washing of the playground turfs requested.
- Keystone: Unit event on Nov 2.
- Mentone/Clarington: two requests for adding bike racks.
- Rose: Unit event is on Nov 9.
- Green Coordinator: Event in November.
- Sepulveda B, D, Sawtelle C, Gardener Supervisor: no comments.
- Safety and Health: Held event last week. Another event + quarterly safety trainings are being planned. CERT (Emergency Response Training) will be offered: a minimum of 10 people needed. 2h/week for 8 weeks. Free. Possible bioterrorism training event in January.

Event Coordinator:

- Welcome event was successful! Some food deliveries were late, which generated a long line. UCLA catering subsidized 200 sandwiches and it saved about $1000, the surplus will be used for Halloween gifts. Discussion about how to make food last for everyone attending the events, as some take extra food home. Food is limited, events are not all you can eat buffets.

Treasurer:

- Stipends are to be distributed to Unit reps today.

Newsletter Editor:

- Repeated request for brief personal-presentations to be published in the newsletter, along with a picture. See previous newsletter + facebook.

Vice President:

- Walk-throughs by unit reps, to be done before Nov 15. Unit events before Dec 1.

President:

- Safety event: about 65 participants, upcoming video online (YouTube). Management, UCPD, LAPD, 911 attended the training.
- Big Blue Bus is changing Route 12; discussed with UCLA transportation, Big Blue Bus representatives and UA management to keep the route. The changes are to be implemented in 2015.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:10 pm
The Green Event: Art of Recycled Materials

By April Lin – UASRA Green Coordinator

Hello everyone,

The green event is coming in November! Welcome to the event “Art of Recycled Materials” on November 15th, 2014, Saturday 10am-12pm, at the Sawtelle side Community Center. This event is about the importance of recycling and being aware of our impact on the environment. We will focus on using recycled materials to make crafts that we could reuse in our life:

- to create some new value of things we thought we would just throw away,
- to add some fun in this event day with green resources
- to demonstrate your creativity and a sense of humor

In this green event, we will provide materials we collect around the house like paper, cereal containers, cartons, cans, plastic containers and so on. We will provide tools like crayons, pencils, tape, glue, scissors. If you already have specific ideas what recycled crafts you are going to make at the event, you are welcome to bring these materials and tools, to make sure you will have all stuff you need. For inspiration, I have collected some recycled crafts ideas from the web:

- Recycled owl
- Cardboard castle
- Cardboard flower
- Tin can flower pots
- Snowman soap bottle
- Refrigerator snowman
- Green crocodile made from egg boxes

I hope I will see you on November 15th, 2014, Saturday 10am-12pm, at the Sawtelle side Community Center. Get the whole family involved in making these recycled crafts!
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
(CERT) TRAINING

I have been asked a couple of times what CERT is, so here is some information about CERT:

What is CERT?
CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, during a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services. The CERT program is all-risk, all-hazard training. This valuable course is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your neighborhood in an emergency situation. The training is free.

CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. While people will respond to others in need without the training, one goal of the CERT program is to help them do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. In the CERT training, you will learn to: identify and anticipate hazards; reduce fire hazards in the home and workplace; manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three medical killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective; and collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts.

CERT level 1 syllabus
There are three levels of CERT. We had a level 1 training for UASRA residents in January. CERT Level 1 is a 17-1/2 hour course. Here is the level 1 syllabus:

**CLASS 1 - INTRODUCTION, EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS**
Registration, introduction, earthquake threat in southern California, personal & family preparation, nonstructural hazard mitigation

**CLASS 2 - DISASTER FIRE SUPPRESSION TECHNIQUES**
Fire Chemistry, Fire Extinguisher Use, Utility Control, Creative Firefighting Techniques, Hazardous Materials / Placarding

**CLASS 3 - DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS (SESSION 1)**
Recognizing Life-Threatening Emergencies, Treating Life-Threatening Emergencies, Triage

**CLASS 4 - DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS (SESSION 2) AND MULTI-CASUALTY INCIDENT**
Head-to-Toe Evaluation, Treating Non-Life-Threatening Emergencies, Treatment Area Management

**CLASS 5 - LIGHT SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS**
Evacuation, Search Techniques, Rescue Methods / Cribbing

**CLASS 6 - TEAM ORGANIZATION & DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY**
Developing a Response Team, Incident Command System “ICS”, Psychological “Size-Up”
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**CLASS 7 – TERRORISM & HOMELAND DEFENSE**
History of Terrorism, Do’s and Don’ts During a Terrorist Act, Homeland Defense Tips

**Why do the FREE CERT training?**
Well, it's like paying for car insurance. You might never need it, and hope not to. But if the occasion arises, having the CERT training, just like having car insurance, means you're as ready as you can be to help yourself, your family and your neighborhood.

UASRA and the Community Safety Network is planning to organize a short CERT training for UASRA residents sometime in January 2015. So make plans to join. Details of days and times will be provided in due course.
Check the LAFD website below for more information on CERT and locations of CERT trainings.

**Sources:**
http://www.cert-la.com/whatiscert.htm
http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams
http://lafd.org/cert.htm

**Patience Afulani (UASRA Health & Safety Delegate)**

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**Attention Residents**

Make a Difference! - UASRA is working with various UCLA offices to compile data on income and the cost of attendance UCLA. The institution only captures some of this information through surveys and services, but WE NEED YOUR HELP to complete the bigger picture. Please take 2 minutes to answer 1-3 questions at the below survey. Please note that we know the subject may be seen as sensitive, so we’ve made it anonymous! Contact AJahdai-Brown@orl.ucla.edu or uasrapresident@gmail.com with questions.

See the below link for the survey (Open now through the end of November):
https://reslife.ucla.edu/z/d5kmq46s2bgl7jfx398a
Three kids under three, you have your hands full. Yeah! [laughs] How long have you lived in UAS? Since 2010, this is our fifth year. We were in Sherman Oaks for a year before that, while we waited for an apartment here. So who is the UCLA affiliate? Eric: I'm a fellow in gastro-intestinal medicine. I'm due to finish in June. That must have been a long road... yeah! I did my undergrad at Berkeley and medical school at UCSF. I grew up in Oakland, so I'm California born and bred. I'm starting to look for jobs, but it's a little on the early side. So how did you guys meet? Cynthia: at church (in the Bay area). Oh, so are you members of a congregation here? Yes, Pacific Crossroads. It's a non-denominational Christian church. So Cynthia, are you a Bay native too? Actually, I was born in Bali, in Indonesia, and grew up in Jakarta. We moved to the Bay when I was 15. Wow. Do you miss life in Indonesia? Do you ever go back? I miss the food that I grew up with. But life in the US is better. I never felt safe [in Indonesia]. We went back with Chloe when she was small, but a 24 hour flight with three kids is not something we want to do! Ha. agreed. Do you speak Indonesian at home? in fact, what is the Indonesian language? Cynthia: Bahasa, which is Indonesian. I speak it with the kids a little bit. Eric only speaks a little, so we mostly speak English. He knows food words! What is the best side of life in LA? Disneyland! We used to have a pass. We loved that. And the worst? [both] traffic! The heat. And the air quality. Cynthia, you're a stay at home parent. Do you enjoy it? I feel good about my decision to stay at home. It works for our family. Eric's schedule can be so busy that if I worked, we might never see each other! It's not easy being a stay at home parent, but I have great support from my parents, and Eric especially. What did you do in your previous life? I got my BA in business from Golden Gate University. I worked in banking before I had Chloe. Any plans to return to work outside the home? It's been so long! I've been at home for four years now. So any more plans for more children? Cynthia: maybe one more.... Eric: I'm just here to help! [laughs]. Are you from big families? Cynthia: I'm one of three, but Eric is an only child. Eric: yeah, this is all new to me. I love it though. So the life plan: one more kid, and.... back to the Bay area? Yes, definitely. It would be wonderful to be closer to family. So, old timers, tell us your top neighbourhood tips... Favourite LA park? Aiden's Place at Westwood Rec, and the Virginia Park splash pad in summer. And Annenberg Community Beach House in Santa Monica. Best free thing to do? Story time at the library - my favourite is Beverly Hills. And the Skirball Center on Thursdays. Favourite beach? Close to home we like Venice, it's not as crowded as Santa Monica. But we LOVED the beaches in Laguna Beach (in Orange County). A mile or two south of Main Beach, there are steps in the cliff down to beautiful, almost deserted beaches. We loved it there. Neighbourhood restaurant tip? [both] ROC Kitchen for the dim sum! and Galbi King (Korean barbecue). We get takeout from Galbi. And so the question on every family's lips: what's for dinner? We eat a lot of fish, so probably something like tilapia from Trader Joe's, and veggies. What's your failsafe quick family recipe? Indonesian fried noodles (mi goreng) - you can buy Indonesian spice mixes at Simpang Asia on Rose and Overland to save yourself some time! What is the hardest thing about life as a graduate student family? For us, it's work life balance. That and raising kids on a budget. If not LA, then where? Cynthia: I want to move to London and travel all over Europe. My brother lives in Germany and I'm so jealous. Argentina, France, Switzerland, New Zealand. That would be a dream. Chloe, you get the last word. What is the best thing about living in UAS? Having fun with my friends!
A Message from Officer Erik Rakowski, UCLA crime prevention officer in regards to Security Site Survey conducted in October, 2014

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Saken,

It was a pleasure meeting you last week and thank you for taking time to walk both Sepulveda and Sawtelle apartments with Officer Duren [UCPD] and me. I am happy to say that Regis and Lizca [UA central office] are doing a great job in making both properties a safe and enjoyable place to live. Regis and I discussed the idea of surveillance cameras at each of the entrances to buildings. I believe there are approximately nine entrances that would need cameras. Overall, it was a very positive survey and with a few cultural changes, the security will be greatly enhanced. However, I did have some concerns that can be easily corrected with the help of all tenants. These are things that may sound like common sense, however they are worth repeating.

- Please, please close and lock all garage doors. During our survey today more than half of the garages were left open. Many of these garages had personal items within the garages which can easily be stolen.
- **Lock all doors and windows for both cars and residences.** Use the deadbolt for all apartment doors.
- **Do not open gates that require an access card for unknown guests.** Also refrain from propping open doors and gates that potentially could allow unwanted guests on the property.
- **Lock all bicycles with a U-lock.** Rope or cable style locks can be easily cut with cable or bolt cutters.
- **Theft prevention for vehicles “Lock, hide it, keep it”**. Especially with the holiday season approaching, this potentially could be an issue. Put all shopping bags, computers, GPS, etc in your trunk and out of sight until you return home.
- **If you see a suspicious person, call UCPD at 310-825-1491.** A tip called in a few weeks ago by a Sepulveda staff member, resulted in two arrests for narcotics violations.
- **Report all security concerns to management** (gates that don’t close, lights that no longer work, overgrown bushes, etc.).

Finally, Officer Duren is a great resource. He is assigned specifically to the University Apartments that include both Sepulveda and Sawtelle. Officer Duren is very approachable and has a wealth of knowledge. Feel free to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Stay safe!

*Officer Erik Rakowski*

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**UASRA Crime Report**

**Carjacking with Firearm:** A resident of Clarington Apartments was approached by the suspect brandishing a gun and demanded her vehicle. Victim exited the vehicle and the suspect drove away in unknown direction. As of 10/28/2014, the suspect is in custody.

**Off Campus sexual battery:** The victim reported that unknown suspect walked past her on Sepulveda Blvd, then turned around and grabbed her. The suspect fled southbound across Sepulveda Blvd. towards Palms Blvd. No physical injuries were reported and UCPD established the identity of the suspect and the incident is currently under the investigation.

**Attempted Burglary:** A resident at Mentone complex heard a suspect climbing onto her 2nd floor apartment balcony. The suspect fled the scene when the resident said “Hello?” No injuries or property damage/loss are reported.
Previous Unit Event (Sepulveda C and D)

On Oct 19, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, Sepulveda C & D held a big Halloween party. Around 150 adults and kids joined the party. We enjoyed some entertainment, food, fruits, snacks, beverage and raffle games, and had so much fun!

Best,
Ping & Jing (Unit Representatives Sepulveda C and D).
Sawtelle Unit C (3310-3340)

Enjoy good food and hang out with your neighbors.

Sunday November 23rd 10-11:30 am at the Courtyard

The event is for Sawtelle C Unit residents only

If you have any questions, contact Unit Representative: Ana Paula Quintana at uasrasawtellec@gmail.com
UASRA Facebook Page: http://www.facebook.com/groups/UASRA/
UASRA Listserv: http://lists.ucla.edu/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/uasra-
UASRA Website: http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/uasra/

Previous Unit Event (Keystone)

The event was to have a gathering for all residents of Keystone Units in a form of a pizza party. The purpose of this event is letting residents know their neighbors better.

The crowd had already gathered by 3:30pm in anticipation and many joined a few minutes after the event started. The residents expressed their happiness about this kind of events and how nice it is to live in the Graduate student apartments. It was very pleasing to see how they were introducing themselves and trying to get to know each other better and sharing their living experience all over LA. There are several of them just moved in couple of months or event last week. They expressed that they love the pizza party with delicious free food and drinks. And they never expect that UCLA housing is doing such sweet thing for them and they feel very lucky to get a chance live here.

Approximately 20-30 people attended the event. We have ordered California Pizza kitchen pizzas, with hand-tossed pizzas and the thin crust Pizzas and two Veggies ones and one sweet pizza, and people all loved that. We also had delicious salad and fruits and cookies and some soft drinks. The beverages consisted of coffee, tea, chocolate milk, water and a variety of juice. We also distributed 10 ralphs gift cards for $10 each to celebrate the Halloween. A lot of neighbors offered their help to clean up the place after the event was finished.

Number of people in attendance: 20-30

Dashew Center Announcements. Please find the full listing of the event calendar – Nov. 2014 below:
http://international.ucla.edu/events
Looking to get rid of some old and unused items? One person’s trash is another man’s treasure! Join UASRA in a community-wide yard sale where you can sell your unused items to other members of the community and local neighborhood.

**Date:** Saturday, November 8, 2014  
**Time:** 9:30AM-12PM  
**Location:** Bring your items for sale and set up your location on any unused area along the Sawtelle or Sepulveda University Village sidewalks.

**A light breakfast will be served in front of Sepulveda Child Care and 3200 Sawtelle Blvd**
dashew center
Grad Nite
happy hour
Wed, November 12  5 PM - 7 PM

$0 Free Appetizers

$4 Wells & Wine

$5 Draft Beer

Join us at:
Rush Street
9546 W Washington Blvd
Culver City, CA 90232

For *EXCLUSIVE* Access to Grad Nite
Register on the Dashew Center Website at:
www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu

Please click here to register!
Policy & Review Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Terrence Duren, UCPD Officer
Shirley Wong, UA Director
Regis Mesko, UAS Facilities Manager
Lizca Spalding, UA Support Services Manager
Wayne Lue Chin – Budget Analyst
Jihyun Yeo, Treasurer
Saken Sherkhanov, President
Miri Biller Hendrickson, Secretary

Absent:

Kevin Xin, Vice President
Stan Markowitz, UAS Area Manager

1. Call to Order (5:45 p.m.)

2. Information Item: UCPD Report

- A known burglar caught on UASRA premises is released with court conditions; UCPD or any law enforcement has a right to detain and search him as part of his release agreement; the information regarding this person will be forwarded to UASRA residents in a few days
- Citations are written to prevent parking abuse around UASRA properties; cars with multiple citations are towed
- Neighborhood watch: if you see suspect activity, for any reason, call UCPD

3. Information Item: UAS Financial Update (Wayne Lue Chin)

- August reports: Due to higher occupancies in the North zone, and higher summer vacancies in Keystone/Mentone & Venice/Barry, there was less budget loss than expected.
- Currently 40% of the repair budget has been spent, mostly amounts to large projects to upgrade Keystone/Mentone.
- CRVE, an appraisal company, will issue us a draft report regarding an annual market survey comparing our residence to neighboring comparable residences.
- Discussion regarding need of an annual survey. Saken will suggest a formal appraisal once every 3 years as the board can use the formal report to conduct our own annual appraisals. An annual survey through a professional company is a waste of residents’ money.

4. Information Item: UAS Maintenance Update (Regis Mesko)

- locks on display boards, need to be stamped otherwise custodians take them down
- Keystone/Mentone – the lock wasn’t broken on the display boards, management is fixing the problem
- Venice/Barry elevator inspection permits have been getting renewed. Due to high workload with UCLA flood and LA Metro station projects, they will deliver elevator permits next month.
- The mailboxes at Keystone/Mentone will have to be replaced ASAP.
- The Sepulveda swing request is denied as there have already been multiple accidents involving the Sawtelle swings
- The Sepulveda South gate is to remain closed per request of residents and security survey conducted by UCPD

5. Information Item: UAS Services Update

- Lizca will email details to Saken
- Saken has been trying to mediate intra-residents’ complaints which is not part of the UASRA Presidents’ job. UA management have are administrators and community service coordinators who are on hand to specifically help residents with issues, Saken was directed to referresidents to the main office.

6. Security Updates

- Director Wong and Regis will be researching how much the current cameras with SD cards cost to purchase, install, and how much the SD cards hold (i.e. pictures of all weekend, and how long it takes to go frame/frame in order to identify any information in the event that something happens). Information will be shared when it is available.
- Director Wong, Lizca and Stan will be working with USPS to discuss an on site storage unit to assist with holiday package deliveries.
- Saken discussed the success of the security event held October 6. The video will be posted online.

7. Discussion Item: Big Blue Bus (BBB)

- In BBB meeting with UCLA representatives, it was revealed that Line 12 will by-pass UA residents on Sepulveda and instead redirected to Overland (according to BBB rep, there were more UCLA students living in Overland area that in Sepulveda). Director Wong & Lizca were shocked to hear that the UCLA transportation board wasn’t aware of large body of UCLA residents living on Sawtelle and Sepulveda side. Saken will be forwarding all the information to management and they will take up the fight with the transportation board and BBB to keep Line 12 serving our community in the future.

8. Discussion Item: Site Survey request for more garden plots

- The garden representative can map out possible sites which administration can approve

9. Information Item: UASRA Reports

a. Past UASRA events – thank you so much for hosting our event and sharing the cost
b. UA management will provide the list of current residents to UASRA for upcoming events
c. Garage sale will be held Sepulveda and Sawtelle sidewalk with minimal usage of UASRA property
d. Bike sale/ bike sweep: any items stored more than 90 days will be given to UASRA for Yard sale
e. Resident conflicts should be directed to main office and they will help with conflict resolution
f. Halloween decorations: remind residents to follow safety rules (no candles, no hanging decorations from fire sprinklers, no blocking the hallways) and take down decorations after Halloween

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.
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