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## **COME CELEBRATE UCI!**

Celebrate UCI and the Waygoose Festival will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2004. Established in 1972, Waygoose is UCI's oldest annual tradition. Initially conceived to liven up the social life on campus, this medieval student festival displays a wide variety of UCI organizations to the campus and surrounding community.

Different student, faculty, and staff organizations operate a wide assortment of booths offering multi-cultural foods, games, displays, and crafts. Also located throughout Aldrich Park are stages scheduled with live entertainment, various carnival & inflatable rides, petting zoo, pony rides, snake handling, and wild animal show. There is always something happening as you stroll through the park. Come **CELEBRATE UCI** with us!

## **HRB UPDATE**

The Chair of the Homeowner's Representative Board for the 2004-2005 year is Rachel Gamby([rgamby@cox.net](mailto:rgamby@cox.net)). For further information on the Board please go to the university hills website ([www.uhills.org](http://www.uhills.org)), and look under "governance". If you do not subscribe to the listserv, please do so - it is an efficient tool for the timely dissemination of information to the residents.

## **UNIVERSITY HILLS LISTSERVE**

The Uhills listserv or email list provides residents with up-to-date information on security measures, water problems, power outages, street closures, tax assessments, etc. ICHA submits items from the University, such as the traffic bulletins about the work on Peltason. They also send on bulletins from the city of Irvine that may be of interest. There is only light traffic on the listserv; you will not receive much email except when there are items of great importance/controversy. Here are some ways to use the listserv.

- Does your house have some construction problem? Email the rest of University Hills and find out if it is a general problem.
- Are you interested in some service provider or having trouble with one? Email the community for advice.

To sign up, go to <http://www.uhills.org/comm/listserv.htm> .

*---Nina Macdonald, UH Webmaster*

## **HRB MEETING MINUTES - March 2, 2004**

**Attending:** Isabel de Figueiredo, Aileen Anderson, Jeff Beckwith, Brian Cummings, Rachel Gamby, Shirley Palley, Ruby Xiong, Wayne Sandholtz, Andrew Herndon

The Board welcomed its new members, Ruby Xiong and Wayne Sandholtz. The members of the Board then elected Rachel Gamby as chair. All present thanked departing members Isabel de Figueiredo and Shirley Palley.

**Community Development Report:** Andrew Herndon discussed the Community Development Report. Planning proceeds for improvements to the Gabrielino Park. ICHA is considering installing “hot water on demand” units for the upper and lower pools.

**Architectural Reviews:** We reviewed and approved a room addition for a house on Perkins.

**Vandalism at the Lower Pool:** Rachel Gamby described substantial vandalism that had occurred at the lower pool over a recent weekend. Chairs, tables, umbrellas, and planters had been thrown into the pool. The board agreed that regular "Vandalism Reports" should be included in the University Hills Newsletter, including estimates of the repair costs, to raise community awareness of the problem. A request was made that ICHA Management provide costs of past vandalism incidents, and for this latest incident in particular.

**Traffic in Phase VIII:** The Board agreed to request that ICHA amend the new home disclosure statements for future sales in Phase VIII, to mention the possibility of street and traffic modifications.

**Gabrielino Park Development:** The Board agreed that the Dog Park and the Parks and Recreation Committees should meet jointly with the HRB as soon as possible to discuss the available budget and how to proceed with planning of the park now that ICHA has the go ahead to develop the area.

**Listserve access for ICHA Announcements:** It was moved and approved that Andrew Herndon have access to the UH listserve for posting official announcements to the community.

**Traffic mitigations:** Aileen and Jeff reported on various mitigations designed to minimize adverse effects of the planned Southern Radial Road and the new parking structure. For the road, mitigations include a lowered road bed, special lighting, and a priority for planting suitable, fast-growing trees. For the parking structure, there is a pending proposal to restrict lighting on the top level to special event parking only; normally the top level will be closed at night. Safety equipment will be added at pedestrian crossings on Peltason.

**Housing issues:** The Board briefly addressed two issues that will require further study and discussion. The first was a proposal to modify the timing of the two-year period during which new hires at UCI have priority status on "the list" to purchase a house in University Hills. For many junior faculty members it would be helpful to have the option to begin their two-year period immediately after receiving tenure. The second issue was the ongoing problem of non-resident owners. There appear to be continuing abuses.

*---Submitted by Wayne Sandholtz*

## **WARNING... POLICE ENFORCEMENT IN PROGRESS AT GARDEN PARK**

Illegal and inappropriate activities at the Vista Bonita Garden Park have resulted in UCI Police intervention. Consumption of alcohol, setting of fires, sex in a public location, illicit drug use, probable drug dealing and use of the area after hours has disturbed adjoining neighbors and daytime users of the Park. Commencing immediately, UCIPD undercover officers and Community Service Officers will be observing the general area and making arrests.

One arrest for possession of an illegal substance occurred in March. Of grave concern is the potential threat of fires in the dry Preserve Habitat area. Evidence of burned materials, smoking and match use in the dry grasses has been noted by the police in multiple locations. University Hills residents are asked to observe the posted facility use hours and to report any suspicious activity to the UCIPD at 824-5223. Please share this information with neighbors and friends who may use the park. A community-wide

effort will be most instrumental in resolving these unsafe and inappropriate activities within the neighborhood.

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA Community Services

## **STREET BIOGRAPHY - One in a series continuing to appear in the newsletter: HANDEL**



Georg Frideric Handel, the great Baroque composer, was born in Halle, Germany, in 1685. (Johann Sebastian Bach was born the same year, in a city 50 miles from Handel’s birthplace.) As a boy, Handel was a gifted musician and played the organ, harpsichord, and violin. Although his father tried to steer his young son into what he considered a more reputable profession, he finally allowed Handel to pursue a career in music.

By the age of 20, Handel was composing operas; he spent several years in Italy, where he met Corelli and Scarlatti. In 1711, Handel was invited to London and there composed several successful Italian operas. His *Water Music*, written for a 1717 royal party on the Thames River endeared him to King George I (the elector of Hanover). Choosing to remain in England, Handel became a naturalized English citizen in 1726 and served as court composer to three English monarchs.

Handel was a prolific composer of operas, oratorios (compositions which are similar to operas except there are no costumes or scenery), and sacred, vocal, orchestral and chamber music. One of his most famous works, *Messiah* (1742), is an English oratorio, a form Handel created.

More than six foot tall and heavyset, Handel never married. In his later years, he suffered from cataracts. The English oculist, John Taylor, who also treated J. S. Bach for cataracts, performed surgery, without anesthetic, that left Handel blind. (Bach, too, was blind after surgery by Taylor and most probably contracted septicemia from Taylor’s unsterile instruments.) Handel died in 1759, at the age of 74, and was buried in state in Westminster Abbey; 3000 mourners attended. Almost a century later, Beethoven praised Handel as “... the greatest composer who ever lived. I would bare my head and kneel at his grave.”

---Ellen Elghobashi

## **NEWS FROM IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT (IRWD)**

### **April is Earthquake Preparedness Month**

The first 72 hours following a major disaster, such as an earthquake, are critical so you should be prepared to be self sufficient for at least that long. It may take several days to restore electricity, gas, water or telephones and traveling anywhere may be difficult, if not impossible. **A supply of stored water may be your most important survival item. Seven gallons of stored water per person can last two weeks.**

Water should be stored in carefully cleaned, non-corrosive, tightly covered containers. Bottled water is one option. If you bottle your own, use containers of heavy, opaque plastic with screw-on caps. Water should be clearly labeled and replenished every three to six months. After a quake, tap water could be polluted.

Water that is boiled for five minutes will usually be safe from contamination. If boiling isn’t an option, strain the water through papers towels, paper coffee filters or several layers of clean cloth. Treat the

water with household **liquid** chlorine bleach. Add eight drops of bleach per one gallon of clear water or 16 drops if the water is cloudy. Be sure to include an eyedropper in your emergency kit. **Do not use granular forms of bleach; they are poisonous.** Mix water and bleach thoroughly and let water stand 30 minutes.

You should also learn how to shut off gas, water and electricity. To shut off the water, look for the main valve where water enters the property, usually in a concrete box near the street. Lift the cover and then use a crescent wrench to turn off the water. Some valves have a circular grip that can be turned clockwise to shut the water off and no special tools are needed. Mark the shutoff valve with fluorescent paint or tape so you can find it in the dark.

**Water Conservation Tips**

- This is the growing season for most plants, making it the optimal time to fertilize. For this growth stage, look for a balanced, organic fertilizer suitable for Orange County to promote even growth.
- NOW is the time to water deeply to encourage deep root growth. Aerating your lawn can improve root growth. Orange County has predominantly heavy clay soils, which absorbs water at a slower rate. To get the deep water penetration, try watering for short periods twice or even three times in one day at least an hour apart. This watering pattern produces better root growth than watering a little every day.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it. Check by stepping on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat use the sprinkler. See suggested watering schedule below. Check the moisture of the soil 3-6" below the surface. With our heavy clay soils, the surface may look dry, but the clay remains moist beneath the surface.
- Important Note: Landscapers may turn sprinkler controllers up too high. Watch for runoff and check for broken sprinkler heads. Runoff will carry fertilizers into the storm drain and contribute to pollution in our waterways.

**Suggested Weekly Watering Schedule for the months of April and May**  
**WEEKLY WATERING SCHEDULE FOR SPRAY HEAD IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

	<b>Turf grass</b>	<b>Trees, shrubs, groundcover</b>	<b>Percent Option</b>
<b>April</b>	3 days, 2 cycles* of 4 minutes	2 days, 3 cycles* of 4 minutes	70% **
<b>May</b>	3 days, 3 cycles* of 3 minutes	2 days, 3 cycles* of 3 minutes	80% **

*\*By "cycling" your irrigation timer to turn on for the suggested number of minutes an hour apart, you reduce runoff and gain deeper watering and healthier root growth. Start with this weekly schedule and increase the times only if your plants show signs of stress. If stress occurs only in isolated areas, check your irrigation system before increasing the time. Spring is the most active growth period for turf grass and other plants. Be sure to water adequately.*

*\*\* Some irrigation controllers have a feature by which the watering time can be set by changing the percentage instead of specifically entering the days, cycles and minutes.*

**SOME EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS**

**Dance Legends from China** - Some of the foremost dancers of China will appear at the Barclay Theater for three special performances in a program featuring dances of varying styles from traditional to modern. The evening ends with *The Silk Road to the Future*, a group work by **China's Famous Seven**: Liu Zhen, Wan Ma Jian Cou, Wu Zhen Yan, Abula Dilinaer, Zhao Liang, Sun Xiao Juan and Feng Shuang Bai. Performances on Wednesday, April 7th, 2004, Thursday, April 8, and Friday, April 9th, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., with an additional lecture/demonstration at 1:30 p.m. on Friday,

April 9. Tickets are \$25 for evening performances (discounts for UCI faculty/staff and UCI students on Wednesday and Thursday). Lecture/demonstration tickets are \$10 for students. Information: 854-4646.

**UCI Arboretum Spring Perennial sale** - Featuring perennials from South Africa and around the globe, this sale will be held on Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person, with children under 12 admitted free. The UCI Arboretum is located just south of the corner of Campus Dr. and Jamboree Rd on the UCI North Campus. Information: 824-5833.