



UPPER EAST ASSOCIATION SANTA BARBARA

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UEA Election Results

In December, the Upper East Association (UEA) membership re-elected Fred Sweeney, Steve Forsell and Jerry Jacobs to two-year terms. The membership also elected Dr. Dan Fishbein and Frank Paolino to two-year terms. All terms run through 2020.

At its January meeting, the Board elected Steve Forsell and Rod Hersberger as co-presidents, Robert Mislant as Treasurer and Fred Sweeney as Secretary.

Other assignments include Lisa Burns for communication and newsletters. Dan Fishbein will coordinate the UEA membership data base, Neighborhood Watch (Map Your Neighborhood) program and develop a Preparedness database.

Happening Thursday, January 24th

In case you see groups of people walking around early in the morning on Thursday, January 24th, Americorps and United Way volunteers will be conducting a homeless point-in-time count starting at 5am to 8:30am. Teams of two or more experienced volunteers will canvas assigned routes throughout Santa Barbara to document the number of people sleeping outside, or in their cars. This information is used to plan assistance for persons experiencing homelessness. They will be distributing new socks, \$5 food gift cards, and bus tokens as part of the outreach. Such donations are greatly appreciated year-around and can be dropped off at the County Administrative Building at 105 E. Anapamu St. 4th Floor, Boardroom Lobby.

UEA Moves Account to American Riviera Bank

Board member Robert Mislant agreed to take over as UEA treasurer, following the long-tenure of Joan Livingston. Rob's professional background is in retail banking, currently as a Vice-President, Regional Manager and Bank Security Officer for American Riviera Bank. With the change in treasurer, the Board took the opportunity to transfer its account from Union Bank (formerly Santa Barbara Bank & Trust) to American Riviera Bank, a local publicly owned community bank. As a non-profit, the UEA will receive benefits from American Riviera Bank, including free checking, free first order of checks, and debit card, used primarily for ATM check deposits. With American Riviera Bank, the UEA will be able to take advantage of relationship banking, income and expenditures tracking using online and mobile technology and support for future events.



Minor crimes are worth reporting to the Santa Barbara Police Department – and now it's easier online at https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/police/online/report_crime/default.asp.

In response to neighbors who reported car break-ins and other minor crimes in the Upper East, Dr. Dan Fishbein found many of these incidents have not been reported to the police. If the police don't know, they cannot build up a current intelligence picture of what is happening in our neighborhood. Your information could be important in increasing local patrols, which – for a variety of reasons - several members have requested.

It is now much easier to provide police with what might be important information. The Santa Barbara Police Department now has a Citizens Online Police Reporting System. Using this online citizen police report system allows you to submit a report immediately and print a copy of the police report for free.

This reporting system is right for you if

- the crime occurred within the Santa Barbara Police Department City limits
- there are no known suspects
- did not occur on a State Freeway
- it is not an emergency

Upon completion of this report process you will

- see the words: "Your online police report has been submitted" showing that your police report is complete
- be given a police report case number
- be able to print a copy of the police report to keep for your records

All cases filed are reviewed. Upon review, if further investigation of your case is needed, you may be contacted by the Police Department.



Appreciation to Outgoing Board Members Joan Livingstone & Kathryn Hinsch

Both Joan Livingstone and Kathryn Hinsch stepped down from the Board at the end of 2018. Joan served the Board as Treasurer since the UEA restarted in 2006. Her knowledge of corporate law and negotiation skills was essential in helping our Board navigate the UEA's non-profit status with the California Secretary of State and Franchise Tax Board. The UEA appreciates Joan's thoughtful care in producing "budget principles" to be carried forward by the UEA Board.

Kathryn Hinsch joined the UEA Board after starting the Neighborhood Watch program using the "Next Door" internet platform. Collaborating with Upper East neighbor June Michelson, Kathryn brought the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program to the UEA. This program is used by the City of Pasadena and other communities to educate ourselves on how to respond to an emergency, such as floods or earthquakes, within the first "golden" hour when most injuries occur. Kathryn will continue to participate with the UEA on the Map Your Neighborhood/Neighborhood Watch Preparedness program.

Emergency Preparedness/Map Your Neighborhood Training

Kathryn Hinsch and Dr. Fishbein report that the Neighborhood Watch and Preparedness sub-committee is planning two "Map Your Neighborhood" trainings in March/April. The training walks you through a simple step-by-step process to customize an emergency preparedness plan for your home and helps identify potentially life-saving resources available in neighborhood. If you signed up when you renewed your membership flyer, please watch your email for more details. If you did not sign up, and would like to participate (or have been trained and want to assist others), email us at ueacomm@gmail.com and write "request MYN training" or "completed MYN training and can assist" in the subject line.