ICHA News

ICHA Board Names New President

The ICHA Board announced that it has named Victor Van Zandt, VP of Planning and Construction, as ICHA’s new President and Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2018. Former President and CEO Jane Laning will be leaving ICHA in December after 30 years of service.

Congratulations, Jane and Victor!

Uhills.org Redesign Debuts in Early 2018

Uhills.org is migrating to a new website platform that allows multiple authors to edit content, with a target launch date of mid-January. ICHA extends a sincere thank you to Steve Cauffman and Nina Macdonald for their support of the current Uhills.org and assistance with the new iteration. As a current resident, you can expect to receive an email in the new year explaining how to log in to the new site and reset your password. You will also be able to register other members of your household. The uhills.org address will be the same and will maintain a link to the listserv. Please send questions or concerns to uhillswebadmin@icha.uci.edu.

ICHA Website Reorganization Is Complete

ICHA's website has undergone some changes as well, including reorganized navigation to connect users to the information they seek more quickly. It also has moved to a new hosting service, which delivers site content much faster. You can visit the upgraded site at icha.uci.edu.
**UHTTF Study Is Complete; ICHA Begins to Implement Recommendations**

The University Hills Transportation Task Force (UHTTF), a group of resident volunteers led by former HRB Chairman Steve Cauffman, was assembled in 2016 to coordinate resident input in determining the infrastructure changes necessary to improve the flow of traffic and the safety of pedestrians, bike riders and drivers in University Hills.

The task force brought in Safe Routes to School National Partnership and Pirzadeh & Associates, Inc. to analyze University Hills’ transportation systems and make recommendations for improvements.

Completed in September, the Transportation Study makes recommendations in four distinct categories:

- **ENGINEERING** designs roadway infrastructure to prevent or reduce collisions. (36 recommendations)
- **EDUCATION** informs and reminds people about the rules of the road. (8 recommendations)
- **ENFORCEMENT** of traffic laws and a visible police presence may deter motorists from unsafe driving behavior. (8 recommendations)
- **EVALUATION** measures the effectiveness of engineering, education and enforcement in improving the flow of transportation and reducing collisions and accidents. (2 recommendations)

Work has begun on recommendations in each of the four E categories. A more detailed snapshot of progress on the recommendations will appear in upcoming publications.

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**UHills Transportation Safety**

A key concern that emerged from the Transportation Study was the failure of cars and bikes to stop at stop signs. Following stop signs and other traffic rules will be the main theme of an ongoing educational campaign that aims to encourage residents to practice safe driving, biking and walking. Click on the transportation modes below for more information about how to walk, bike and drive safely.

**WALK**  **BIKE**  **DRIVE**
Now Accepting Donations for UCI Campus Food Pantry

A food collection bin benefitting the Fresh Basic Needs Hub campus food pantry is now installed in the Community Center Lounge. The bin is accepting all non-perishable foods and toiletries. Items will be picked up by food pantry personnel and made available to students at the pantry.

The Fresh Basic Needs Hub is the largest food pantry in the UC system and targets students struggling with inadequate access to food. A 2015 undergraduate survey at UCI found that 45 percent of Anteaters had experienced food insecurity in the prior year.

Sponsored by the University Hills HRB, the food collection bin was delivered during the UHills Repair Cafe event on November 18. Andrea Gutierrez, Basic Needs Coordinator at the UCI Student Outreach & Retention Center (SOAR), attended the event, discussed the food pantry and engaged with residents. For more information, please go to www.basicneeds.uci.edu

New Bus Stop Arrives in Uhills in 2018

As part of the new Area 11 Phase 1 build out, a new bus stop will be installed on Howser Street, near the corner of Turing, as shown in the University Hills Community Map.

The bus stop is expected to be operational by February, 2018. The Irvine Unified School District will announce a start date for the new bus stop next month.
University Hills Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, December 9
10 am to 3 pm
UHills Community Center
Come admire your neighbors' creative talents while stocking up on one-of-a-kind holiday gifts.
Live Music - Photography - Painting - Jewelry - Pottery
Woodworking - Knitting - Glass Art...and lots of fun!

Holiday Lighting Safety

- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, or frayed or bare wires. Discard all damaged cords.
- Don't connect lights while adjusting them on a tree or house. Inspect lights and plug them together before hanging.
- Indoors or out, use only lights that have been tested for safety. The lights should have the Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) label.
- Don't let light bulbs rest on tree needles and branches. Use a clip or twist-tie to keep bulbs upright.
- Watch young children around lights and decorations with small pieces that could be ingested.
- Unplug lights and decorative outdoor lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.
- If you buy an artificial tree, check for a "flame resistant" label.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hinges on shower doors must be lubricated every six months. If the hinges are not lubricated, they can crack off the glass. University Hills' current home builder, California Pacific Homes, recommends using TRI-FLOW, available for purchase at Ace Hardware.

In University Hills, public lighting and some private (at condos and townhomes) is controlled electronically using photosensitive cells that activate at dusk and shut off at daylight. Maintenance of the lights is performed by Horizon Lighting, which replaces bulbs, ballasts and components. If you see lights on during the day, please contact Community Management.

Homeowners: Waste Management will collect and recycle Christmas trees for three weeks after Christmas on your regular collection day. Trees taller than 4 feet must be cut in half and all decorations must be removed. Place the tree curbside.

Renters: There will be special delineated areas in community parking lots from December 27 through January 3 for your holiday tree disposal. This area is for trees only. Do not place trees in the regular dumpster bins.

- Thank you for your cooperation and have a wonderful holiday season -