Thank you University Hills for doing your part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Now, let's all continue to spread the word that wearing a mask, washing hands, and maintaining six feet apart means being a good neighbor. The Orange County Health Care Agency's (OCHCA) Face, Hands & Feet Protect Each Other Toolkit contains free resources to help communities (including University Hills) do just that. Downloadable materials include social media banners and informational flyers on how to wear a face covering, what to do if you test positive, quarantining at home, and more. We're all in this together, and together, we've got this!

Walk With the Flow of Traffic to Avoid Close Interaction & Please Mask

With fewer options for recreation, more people are taking walks around the neighborhood. Please wear a mask as a courtesy to those you may encounter while walking. In an effort to promote safe distancing, consider walking in the same direction as traffic when on University Hills sidewalks. (Of course, not all streets have sidewalks on both sides, so use your best judgement in those spaces.) By walking with the flow of traffic, we minimize passing other pedestrians on sidewalks that are too close for social distancing. Your neighbors will thank you!

Uhills Renters Have Rent Deferment Options

The ICHA Rental Department has updated rent deferment options first announced in April to reflect the new California law signed by the Governor on August 31. The law allows tenants experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to defer some portion of rental payments. If your household is experiencing financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and having difficulty paying rent, please contact Elaine Vatakis Elaine.vatakis@icha.uci.edu or Kelvin Watson Kelvin.watson@icha.uci.edu in the ICHA Rental Department for the rent deferment options.

How to Protect Against Mosquito-Borne Viruses

These days, when we speak of viruses, we are usually talking about COVID-19. But corona is not the only virus we should be protecting ourselves from. In July, West Nile virus was discovered near the University Hills Community Center. Mosquito traps had been set there by the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District. When analyzed, the trapped mosquitos were found to be carrying the West Nile virus. Approximately 80% of people infected with West Nile do not develop any symptoms.
But 1 in 5 experience fever, body aches, nausea, and more, and a smaller percentage suffer even more serious symptoms. Luckily, there are several easy steps you can take at home to prevent the spread of West Nile and other mosquito-borne viruses. Please view the video below to learn what they are:

Outside Your Home

Inside Your Home

TIP OUT STANDING WATER WEEKLY!
TOSS UNNEEDED CONTAINER
TAKE ACTION + APPLY REPELLENT TO EXPOSED SKIN WHEN OUTDOORS!

For more, go to: www.ocvector.org/do-it-yourself-solutions-for-mosquito-issues

Los Trancos Park Renewal Community Engagement Is Forthcoming

In April, ICHA held a webinar to present the Area 12 project and Los Trancos Pool & Park Renewal. During the presentation, there was discussion about launching a community engagement recreation survey this summer to collect ideas and concepts for a redesigned Los Trancos Park. The survey would be the first part of a two-part
community engagement process, following the successful process used to design the Area 11 parks.

Since then, UC Irvine has reported that the Area 12 project schedule needs to be delayed a few months. ICHA understands that residents are eager to know when both the Area 12 project and the Los Trancos Park & Pool Renewal will begin. However, the pause also presents an opportunity that will ultimately improve the Los Trancos Park redesign.

Instead of jumping ahead and starting the idea collection process now, we will wait several months until the Area 11 parks are completed. At that time, all University Hills residents can explore, touch and feel the amenities featured at Vista Park, Playground Park and Gateway Park for themselves. Experiencing the Area 11 parks first-hand will be great preparation for launching the Los Trancos Park community engagement process in (tentatively) late fall.

**LEARN MORE:**
- For revised timeline of the Los Trancos Pool & Park Renewal, click [here](#).
- For Area 12 Project/Los Trancos Pool & Park page, click [here](#).
- Click on the thumbnails below to see the conceptual plans for each new Area 11 park. All three parks are tentatively scheduled to be completed by fall, 2020.

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**Future Vista Park**

**Future Playground Park**

**Future Gateway Park**

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**Coming This Fall: New Bus Stop Enhancements**

Over the past few years, ICHA and the Homeowners Representative Board have prioritized community building in University Hills. In addition to all the events sponsored every year in the community, we see bus stops as organic meeting places that also provide a great opportunity for kids to get to know each other while waiting for the bus to arrive.

In Area 11 (the newest construction since 2016), ICHA designed and built, in
coordination with the Irvine Unified School District, the first-ever designated school bus stop in the City of Irvine. This stop also increased the total number of bus stops within University Hills from five to six. The Area 11 bus stop is located on the northwest corner of Coltrane Court and Howser Street and features an oversized concrete gathering area, a sitting bench, a trash can, and a bike rack (which is normally full of bikes).

Bus Stop at Coltrane/Howser

We are in the process of replicating a similar design at three existing bus stops, along with some additional enhancements. These bus stop enhancements will be completed at the following stops: (1) North side of California Avenue near Owen Court; (2) East side of Gabrielino Road at the entrance of Gabrielino Park; (3) West side of Gabrielino near Russell Court.

In addition to the new concrete work and site furnishings, we plan to allow the children in University Hills to hand paint a square tile and adhere each tile to the concrete walls at three of the bus stops. These tile murals are commonly found at elementary schools and provide a fantastic opportunity for the children of University Hills to share their creativity and leave a lasting mark in their community. This plan has not been formalized due to the inability to gather, but please keep an eye out for future announcements explaining how ICHA plans to complete the tile painting.

When Will Schools Reopen?
Orange County recently exited California’s county coronavirus monitoring list. Since then, there have been many questions and inquiries about how this development impacts reopening plans for schools and facilities. Last week, the state of California announced the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which replaces the county coronavirus monitoring list. As with all things coronavirus, ICHA relies on and follows state and local guidance:

**RESOURCES:**

- **Blueprint for a Safer Economy** says that schools can reopen for in-person instruction once their county has been in the "Substantial (red) tier" for at least two weeks. Currently, Orange County is classified in the "widespread" purple tier, but is on track to move to the red tier and be able to reopen schools on September 22.
- **Irvine Unified School District** website

**UCI Blood Drives**
Wednesday, September 9
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
University Hills Community Center Parking Lot

*Donors Needed!*
*Appointment Required*
*Face Coverings Required*

See Donor Eligibility Requirements
Click Here to Make Appointment

*All donors will receive a t-shirt and Chick-fil-A gift certificate*

Questions? please contact us at 714-456-5733 or tbarrett@uci.edu

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**Election 2020**

With the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election quickly approaching, the
Orange County Registrar of Voters (YES, that is the Uhills Community Center in the video background!) is sharing important dates and reminders for voters. All voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot and a postage-paid return envelope; you are encouraged to verify your mailing address is updated at ocvote.com/vlt (this link may also be used to track your ballot after you vote). The Uhills Community Center will be an in-person polling location.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Thursday, September 24:** Voter Information Guide (previously known as a sample ballot) mailing begins  
**Monday, October 5:** Vote-by-mail ballot mailing begins  
_Voters can drop off their ballot at 110+ ballot drop boxes or any Vote Center; a list will be available in the Voter Information Guide and online at ocvote.com. Voters can also return their ballot via mail in the prepaid postage envelope (no additional postage needed)._  
**Friday, October 30:** Uhills Community Center opens to accept ballots and for in-person voting. Community Center is one of **167+ voting centers** throughout OC.

**IN-PERSON VOTING**

- **Friday, October 30 to Monday, November 2**  
  8am to 8pm
- **Election Day**  
  November 3  
  7am to 8pm

- Voters can track the status of their ballot through OC Ballot Express at ocvote.com/track
- Vote Centers will be equipped with disposable face coverings, gloves, hand sanitizer, and other supplies to promote health and safety.
- _The Registrar of Voters is hiring 1,500+ Vote Center Customer Service Representatives for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election. For more information and to apply, visit ocvote.com/jobs_

**Architectural & Property Improvements Require Approval!**

Residents are reminded that no structure, building extension or amenity shall be added to any parcel, nor shall any existing structure or lot (landscaping) be altered in any way which (i) affects the exterior appearance or (ii) affects the structural integrity of any structure without first seeking architectural approval from the Homeowner Representative Board. Such plans must be submitted in writing with a Property Improvement Application and approved by the HRB prior to the start of work.
DID YOU KNOW?

Cardboard boxes delivered from Amazon and other retailers are recyclable. Cardboard boxes should be flattened and placed loosely in green or gray recycle bins. For more recycling tips, see City of Irvine's Recycling Guide.

Clear rain gutters before the rainy season arrives (blowing dry debris before rain is easier than removing wet material). Flush landscape yard drains. Start with the drain furthest from the street and wash from the rear of the property to the front to clear debris and sediment from drains.

A very important maintenance note: If you do not use your A/C on a regular basis, run your A/C for 10 minutes once a month, this will ensure your system runs properly when you do need it. A/C coolant also functions as lubricant for moving parts. Running A/C systems ensures that lubricant is distributed efficiently.

Renters: Large, oversized, bulky items should not be placed in the trash bins. Please contact the Rental Department at 824-6254 to arrange for a special pick-up. Please break down cardboard boxes before discarding.

Homeowners: Waste Management provides four free curbside pickups for oversized items per year. Contact WM at (888) 904-8168.

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