

Residents' Corner

Your Resident Council

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Representing Residents to Management

This is the first of an irregular series of articles to explain the purpose and activities of the UVTO Resident Council in summary form. Much more information can be found on the Portal under the Resident Council section. The primary purposes of these articles are to reach out to all residents to better inform them and, by highlighting some recent accomplishments of the Council, encourage residents to run for election.

First, note that all residents of UVTO are automatically voting members of the Resident Association, whose purpose “shall be to promote an amicable environment at UVTO by representing residents’ interests and concerns to UVTO Management...” The Resident Council is a nine-member group of residents elected by the members of the Resident Association to carry out the purpose of the association.

The Council holds an annual election of three members to serve three-year terms, thus providing some continuity on the Council from year to year. The Council elects its own officers for one-year terms. The role of the Council has sometimes been compared to a typical homeowners association, but there is one significant difference: The role of the Council is strictly advisory, as no recommendation to management, whether by the Council or one of its eight standing committees, is enforceable, as staff has the sole power for decisions. Nevertheless, working with the staff through its department directors can often result in changes that will make a positive impact on residents.

The Council holds regular meetings, usually at 1:30 p.m. on the Monday before Town Hall. All residents may attend these meetings, and will be afforded an opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions to the Council or the Executive Director, who attends these meetings to provide an update on significant activities. The Council Chair addresses Town Hall with summary comments or even a special presentation. Attending these regular meetings is a good way to learn what’s going on here, and about things that might affect your daily life.

Perhaps the most significant action of the Council is the management of the Employee Appreciation Fund, a way to compensate employees annually in lieu of tipping. Funds are raised primarily through resident donations but also include proceeds from the Window Shoppe, Needle Crafters, Jewelry Sale, Women’s Club, and other activities. It is totally resident-driven and managed by the Council Treasurer.

Please watch future editions for more information. I am always available for your questions and suggestions as are any Council members.



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Appreciation Month

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Jazz Appreciation Month

Jazz up for April — a time to celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month in honor of one of America’s earliest and iconic art forms. Jazz music is an enchanting blend of more than one ethnicity. It utilizes the American and European interpretation of classical music with the added spice and influence of West African culture and folk songs. Jazz was first compiled by musicians in African-American communities in New Orleans, Louisiana in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Unlike other music genres, jazz emanated from people who were underclass and descended from slaves. They were oppressed yet invented one of the greatest musical gifts of all time. Jazz music has everything going for it — a unique history, a melody that stays with you, the harmony that makes the notes sound fuller, a rhythm that beats with your heart, and the outstanding improvisations that set the genre apart. See flyers for more details on this month’s events.

Jazz Performance by Singer Joanna Topetzes

with Jazz Piano Accompaniment

Thursday, April 6 2:00 p.m. Catalina Hall



Foreign Film Friday: *Elevator to the Gallows*

(Score composed by jazz legend Miles Davis)

Friday, April 7 2:00 p.m. Balboa Room

Wednesday Night at the Movies: *The Cotton Club*

Wednesday, April 12 7:00 p.m. Balboa Room

Resident Bob Larson’s pre-Town Hall Jazz Performance

Friday, April 14 1:30 p.m. Catalina Hall

Conejo Jazz Quintet

Saturday, April 29 2:00 p.m. Catalina Hall



