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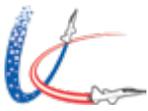


2026

CoverStory

## NEW SNOWFEST ATTRACTIONS

Falcon Ridge Lives Changed  
Legacy Recipes



# Universal City Municipal Directory

2150 Universal City Blvd. Universal City, TX 78148

Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## ADMINISTRATION 210-659-0333

|                                  |                                       |       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| City Clerk .....                 | Maribel Garcia Uribe.....             | 7 4 8 |
| City Manager .....               | Kim Turner .....                      | 7 0 5 |
| Code Compliance Officer .....    |                                       | 7 2 5 |
| Communications .....             | Kathy Williams.....                   | 7 0 1 |
| Court Administrator .....        | Brenda Watkins.....                   | 7 1 5 |
| Development Services/EDC .....   | Michael Cassata.....                  | 7 2 0 |
| Finance.....                     | Christine Green.....                  | 7 0 8 |
| Fire Chief.....                  | Todd Perna.....                       | 7 8 6 |
| Health Official.....             | Anabell Maldonado.....                | 7 2 7 |
| Permit/Zoning.....               | Linda Iglehart.....                   | 7 2 3 |
| Police Chief.....                | Johnny Siemens.....                   | 7 5 5 |
| Community Events.....            | Mari Zeppenfeldt.....                 | 7 2 1 |
| Senior Activity Coordinator..... | Annette Strapple - astrapple@uctx.gov |       |
| Water Billing.....               |                                       | 7 1 0 |

### Departments

|                             |              |          |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Animal Care & Control ..... | 210-659-0333 | EXT. 700 |
| Fire Department .....       | 210-659-0333 | EXT. 250 |
| Golf Course .....           | 210-659-0333 | EXT. 653 |
| Library.....                | 210-659-0333 | EXT. 048 |
| Parks/Pavilion Rental ..... | 210-659-0333 | EXT. 364 |
| Police Department .....     | 210-659-0333 | EXT. 353 |
| Public Works.....           | 210-659-0333 | EXT. 364 |

## MAY 2026 ELECTION QUICK FACTS

### POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION Mayor (incumbent Tom Maxwell)

3 Councilmembers (incumbents Putt, Rubal, and Vaughan)

#### Candidate Information:

Candidate filing period from January 14th through February 13th at 5 p.m.

#### Eligibility for candidates:

Be a U.S. citizen;  
Have resided continuously in the State of Texas for twelve (12) months and in the City of Universal City for six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;  
Be eighteen (18) years of age or older on the first day of term to be filled;  
Be a registered voter at the time of taking office (Registered Voter means a person

registered to vote in this state whose registration is effective);  
Not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;  
Not have been convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities.  
**Source:** City Charter, Sections 3.01; 8.01; Texas Election Code, Chapter 11 and 141.  
Candidate filing packets available at City Hall beginning January 1st, 2026 (2150 Universal City Blvd.)

**\$20 filing fee**



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FEBRUARY/MARCH 26

# MEETINGS

■ **February 2, 2026** ..... 6:00 p.m.  
*Planning & Zoning Meeting*

■ **February 3, 2026** ..... 6:30 p.m.  
*City Council Regular Meeting*

■ **February 12, 2026** ..... 5:00 p.m.  
*Economic Development Corporation Meeting*

## February 16, 2026 CLOSED Presidents' Day

■ **February 17, 2026** ..... 6:30 p.m.  
*City Council Regular Meeting*

■ **February 23, 2026** ..... 6:00 p.m.  
*Board of Adjustment Meeting*

■ **February 24, 2026** ..... 6:00 p.m.  
*Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting*

■ **March 2, 2026** ..... 6:00 p.m.  
*Planning & Zoning Meeting*

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*City Council Regular Meeting*

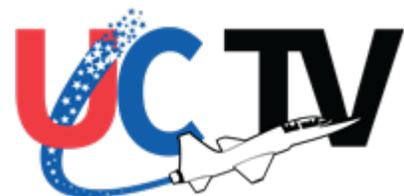
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*Library Advisory Commission Meeting*

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*Board of Adjustment Meeting*

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*Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting*





# LEADERSHIP



**TOM MAXWELL**  
MAYOR



**PHIL VAUGHN**  
COUNCILMEMBER



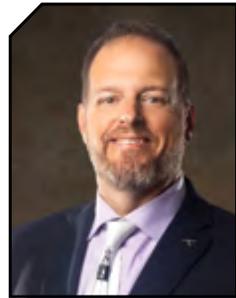
**BEAR GOOLSBY**  
COUNCILMEMBER



**LORI PUTT**  
COUNCILMEMBER



**BERNARD RUBAL**  
COUNCILMEMBER



**WILLIAM SHELBY**  
COUNCILMEMBER



**CHRISTINA FITZPATRICK**  
MAYOR PRO TEM



**KIM TURNER**  
CITY MANAGER

# Falcon Ridge: Survivor Stories



**W**hen that devastating December 7th Sunday

afternoon fire quickly spread through the Falcon Ridge Apartments, the lives of more than 100 residents were affected. Each one has a story.

There was the man who had a job interview on Monday and had nothing to wear. A local resident went home and found something for him. Someone else drove him there. And the woman who was so happy to end a chapter of being unhoused, only to lose her new home at Falcon Ridge four days after she moved in.

She is settling into a new home.

December 7th was much more than a fire. Every person affected had a life-changing experience. Here are two of them.

## **SAMANTHA VELA**



as part of JB SA-Randolph's 12th Maintenance Division came in handy. On December 7th she was relaxing with her dog after church

Sam, as she's known, is credited with stepping up to organize her fellow tenants while the fire was still active. The organizational skills she uses every day

when the fire alarm sounded. Like many households that have an emergency plan, her "go" or "runaway" bag was packed. She grabbed it and was out the door in less than a minute.

"I can't believe the wind. It blew up like that. And it spread in less than five minutes. So, praise God everybody got out."

It was the shared attic that spread the fire so quickly. Samantha worked closely with Universal City's First Baptist Church and its Pastor Ryan Gilbert. First Baptist housed residents for days and became the center of UC residents' generous donations.

Villa communicated residents' needs early on and is still at it, renting a storage unit for donors to drop off furniture and large items to help her neighbors start new chapters.

## MERECHIA BINGHAM



Merechia Bingham has hero status in her family. It was her daughter Stephanie who reached out and told us it was mom who pulled that fire alarm that alerted Samantha Villa and all the other

residents.

“She won’t make a big deal about it, and she said she was just doing what she had to do, but I believe different. If you guys knew what she’s been through this year, this was the

first time in two years she had stable housing.” Stephanie shared.

As for Bingham, she’s got a brand-new apartment here in Universal City and several other Falcon Ridge residents have relocated there as well. Like many others, she has found reason to be grateful.

“I love Universal City. You know it’s ok that we got loud jets. I don’t care about that, but you know the community (is great), the people, the churches welcomed us to give prayer and a big tight hug you need.”

## UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Since the fire, the Falcon Ridge apartment complex has new on-site property management, a planned transition.



Universal City's  
*55+ Fashion Show*  
"Seasoned Chic"

APRIL 28TH  
6-8 PM  
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# UC's Snowfest and Carnival Still the One

**I**n 2010 Universal City entered its first Best Tasting Water in Texas competition and won. Leadership was celebrating being Texas' first "Green Power Community" by the EPA. And the Olympia Hills Golf Course was named best in what was then called the Metrocom.

But the most exciting headline for many local families was the one touting the City's first "Icy UC Snowfest" at UC Park.

Mireles Party Ice, there at the beginning — pumping 15,000 pounds of snow that year—and still providing it now, was a big hit.

At the time it was part of the Parks and Recreation Commission's celebration of UC's 50th year of incorporation.

New for its sixteenth year, a bull riding experience and the return of a skating rink. Lisa Pereles navigated one of the previous rinks.

"I've always loved watching ice

skating," Pereles, who lives in Live Oak, said. "I was always too afraid to try it, but I've only fallen down twice!"

There are families who've been returning year after year since 2010.

"I have a big family but this is something we can afford and everyone enjoys it including us adults," said Manuel Rodriguez.

The affordability isn't an accident. Public Works Director and founding team member Randy Luensmann has fought to keep prices low and quality high.

The event has snow and snow slides as a showcase element. But

the event has grown into having food trucks, vendors offering unique products, and great entertainment that includes a mascot dance off.

“The UC Snowfest and Carnival is about family. So many events around town are so expensive. We’re proud that we have not raised prices every year,” Luensmann said.

For vendors like Christine Hazleton and

her co-owner and son Christopher Stewart, the annual Snowfest and Carnival is a highlight of the year for their company Lilly’s Frozen Treats.

For Snowfest visitors this year, Lilly’s Frozen Treats now offer several hot items like nachos.

“We wouldn’t miss Snowfest,” Hazleton shared. “It’s a great day to be in Universal City.”

This year’s Snowfest and Carnival is Saturday

February 21st 1 p.m.- 8 p.m. at UC Park.

You can skip the ticket line by purchasing tickets early with the QR code here, and get updates at [ucsnowfest.com](http://ucsnowfest.com).



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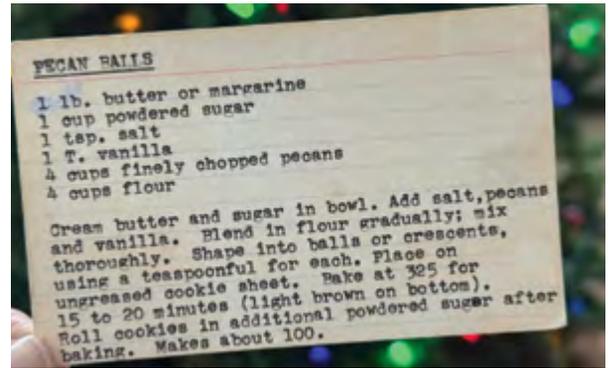
SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Carnival Rides | Skating Rink  
Food Vendors | Snow Play Area | Snow Slides  
Mascot Dance-off | Live Entertainment

*Editor's note: We're starting the year with a new segment in The Gateway and on UC TV. From Heart to Table isn't a cooking segment. It's a franchise with the goal of sharing recipes that have deep personal meaning to a local family. Our first Gateway recipe is from Emily Maljanian. A military spouse from JBSA Randolph whose recipe is a love letter to her grandfather.*

# Baking with Grandpa

BY EMILY MALJANIAN



Grandpa didn't cook much, but he sure made a good cookie. His hands were warm and soft, like a blanket or a hug. He'd scoop flour, then sugar, chop pecans, and help me mix everything together. We'd gather my sisters and together we'd roll the dough into bite-sized balls before baking them, just until the bottoms browned.

Pecan balls, we called them, though most people would know them as Mexican wedding cookies. Sometime in the late 70s my Grandma found the recipe and typed it out on an old card. Year after year, Grandpa mixed the dough with his daughter, my mom, and then with her daughters—me and my sisters.

Recently we found his old recipe, yellowed a bit,

though it's stood the test of time: fifty years and counting! Grandma's recipe box is a treasure trove of history. Recipes, memories, and old cookie crumbs nest together in a simple box in her cabinet, and if fire swept through, it's one of the first things I'd grab.

One of my last memories before he passed was making these cookies together.

We measured, mixed, and munched, and the last photo I have with grandpa is a snapshot of making this recipe. I made a batch recently, and I even wore the same apron I did a decade ago. As a cookie melted in my mouth, I closed my eyes. Immediately I was back to my grandparent's kitchen, and Grandpa was there.

I see Grandpa as I measure out the ingredients. I hear

Grandpa as I whisk them together and cream butter with sugar. And I picture his large hands scooping and rolling. As I sample

my own efforts, I find myself wanting to offer him a cookie.

With history and heart, I share this recipe.

## GRANDPA YOUNG'S PECAN BALLS (MEXICAN WEDDING COOKIES)

1 lb unsalted butter  
1 c powdered sugar  
1 tsp salt  
1 tbsp vanilla  
4 cups finely chopped pecans  
4 cups flour

Cream butter and sugar in a bowl. Add salt, pecans, and vanilla. Blend in flour gradually; mix thoroughly. Shape into balls, using a teaspoonful for each. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 for 15-20 minutes (until light brown on bottom). Roll cookies in additional powdered sugar after baking. Makes about 150.

*(Note: this recipe can be easily adjusted to make ½ a batch or even ¼, for ease!)*

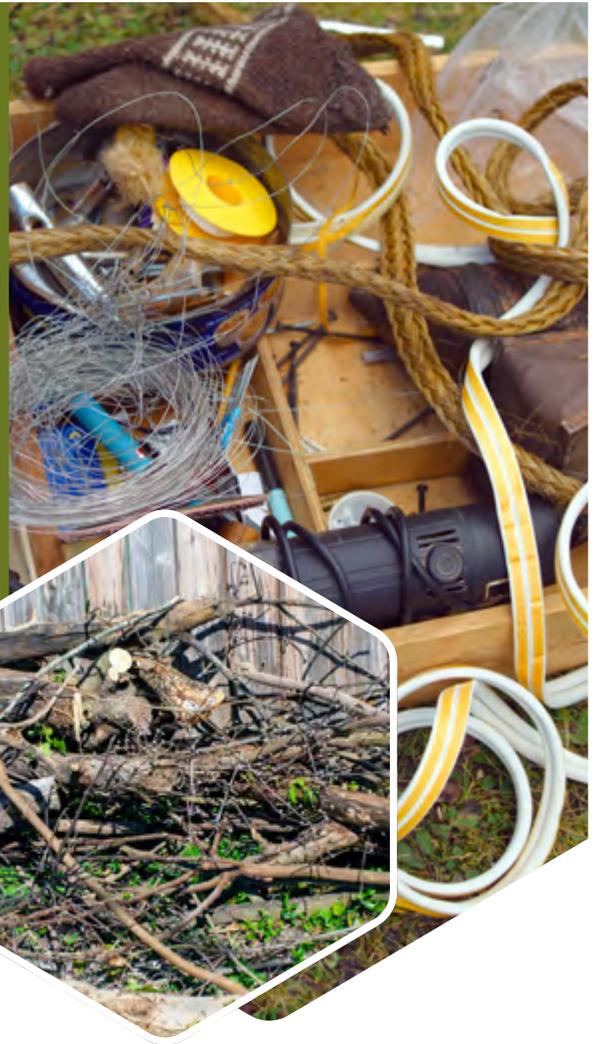


**UNIVERSAL CITY**  
Gateway to Randolph AFB Est. 1960

# UNIVERSAL CITY SPRING 2026 BULK CLEANUP

Dates: April 9-12 & April 16-19  
Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Location: 265 Kitty Hawk Rd.

All collections are limited to Universal City residents **ONLY**. No commercial dumping permitted.



## BRUSH CHIPPING

- Public Works **will not** accept brush at the Public Works yard.
- 30 minutes of free chipping service is available Monday - Friday (weekdays only) during the cleanup.
- Each household may receive up to two free services during the cleanup.

Must call [210-658-5364](tel:210-658-5364) during weekday business hours to be added to the list for brush chipping when your pile is ready. See office hours below.

Requests made after 5 p.m. the final Friday of the cleanup **will not be accepted**.



210-658-5364 Mon-Fri  
from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.uctx.gov/cleanup](http://www.uctx.gov/cleanup)

## BULKY ITEMS

- Dumpsters are available for Universal City residents to dispose of bulk household items. Proof of residency is required (Drivers License or Utility Bill).
- No TV's or computer monitors.
- No tires on the rim accepted.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Hazardous materials can be dropped off any day of the clean-up.
- Motor oil **is not** accepted.
- Pesticide - Herbicide **is not** accepted.
- Muratic acid **is not** accepted.

Please visit [www.UCTX.gov](http://www.UCTX.gov) for complete list of accepted items.

# 2025 UNIVERSAL CITY RIBBON CUTTINGS



## Economic Development Corporation



City Vet



Clean EatZ



Billy D's



Class  
Community Service



Texas Violin Shop



Alamo City  
Military Surplus



Notary Pros



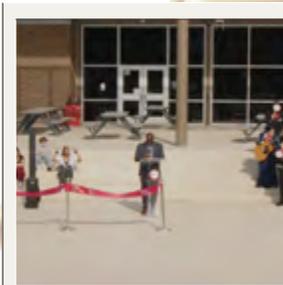
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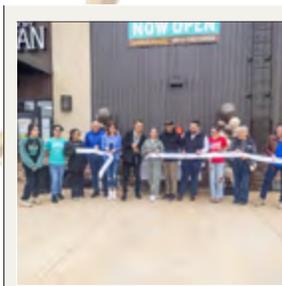
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Grill House



Selma Elementary

## SPRING SAFETY TIPS

# Protecting Your Home



## Spring Public Safety Tips from Police Chief Johnny Siemens

As we move into spring, we can certainly expect changes. Some of these changes include warmer weather, home improvement projects, family gatherings, and vacations to name just a few.

In addition to these simple pleasures, spring historically brings increases in crime. Particularly residential burglaries and thefts that are often a direct result of windows or doors being left open/unsecured, and folks being away from home traveling.

As such, this becomes one of the more important times to focus on home security. To combat these "confidence" crimes (aptly named as most criminals will identify signs of an empty residence prior to making entry or committing a theft), we have compiled a brief list of actions you can take to help deter potential thieves.

- Make efforts to secure your home/garage, and toys/tools, even on short trips to the hardware store or for groceries
- Window stops are a good idea if you must leave them open
- Do not advertise items in your garage or outbuilding by unnecessarily leaving doors open or equipment lying around
- Secure lawn equipment and/or any other gardening tools when not in use
- Identify/photograph & secure valuables (obtain serial numbers where applicable)
- Notify a friend/family member/neighbor of your plans to travel
- Arrange for someone to pick up mail or newspapers, or place a hold on delivery at the post office
- Place various lights on timers
- Notify the Universal City police department of plans to travel
- Get added to the police department's Out-of-Town list while on trips
- Make sure your lawn is maintained, especially for longer trips. Keep lawn well-groomed and devoid of weeds
- Remove unnecessary shrubbery or debris from doors and windows (eliminate hiding places)
- Avoid leaving/scheduling landscapers/contractors alone at your residence in your absence
- Secure your vehicle and avoid leaving anything in plain sight
- Firearms, jewelry, purses, and wallets should always be removed
- Don't broadcast your absence on social media, or make your pages private while away

Enjoy the spring and as always, stay safe and report suspicious activity.  
Universal City Police Department  
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# THE THUNDERBIRDS ARE COMING!



# May 2 - 3 2026

# JBSA Randolph



## UC TV in a Nutshell

Anyone who has done late night channel surfing has clicked on a public access television channel. No commercials, but hours of uninterrupted government-related meetings, or a local expert or two going on endlessly on some random subject. TV channels of this nature are Public, Educational, and Government access television channels, often dubbed as “PEG” channels.

Their roots are in the early days of cable television, specifically the 1984 Cable Communications Act. Each cable subscription has a cable franchise fee paid by the subscriber. Every local community receives its portion of the cable franchise fee. Fee use is restricted to free local

content. To air local content, cities must pay a cable provider to run their content. Universal City banked its PEG monies for years until it had enough to purchase recording, editing, and streaming equipment, content storage, and to pay for the streaming services through Spectrum. Thus, the birth of UC TV!

UC TV is good stories about great people. UC TV is not boring; it is dynamic and vibrant! It airs content 24/7/365 with fresh stories added to the on-demand feature every week. Twelve hours of new streaming content is added monthly.

UC TV covers important meetings, including our city council and video updates from our city clerk. But it also features segments

like Did You Know, which reflects the history of UC. Business Insider, which profiles local businesses, plus Neighbors of Note, JBSA Today Reports and Life in UC. Our neighbors are always interested in public safety. Police Chief Johnny Siemens and his team do regular Chief Briefs segments. New in 2026, From Heart to Table, residents share recipes with deep meaning to their families. And finally, our I LOVE UC campaign that’s all about why people love living in Universal City.

Part of the mission of local PEG channels is to cover hyper local stories in a way local stations do not. When that devastating fire swept through UC’s Falcon Ridge Apartments, more than 14 minutes

of fire related content was posted on our on-demand platform. We committed to running all updates about the fire in their entirety on UC TV and our Facebook page. Our local stations would never have been able to provide that kind of extended content.

On the feature side, our viewers can meet unique neighbors like artist Robert Wilkens, the Tortoise Man, see beautiful video of tattoo artistry and history with Anthony Montemayor, and share in the love story behind UC's Texas Violin Shop. History buffs can enjoy some of our vintage photos and film such as a 1974 ride down Pat Booker Road.

To guarantee that no funds beyond those allocated through the Cable Communications Act were needed, we got creative and did our homework. While most communities have had to hire personnel to run their PEG channels, we used current staffers. Each member of our Communications team brings a different skillset to UC

TV-a graphic designer, two videographer/photographers and someone with broadcast producing experience.

We also looked to more than a dozen other markets to learn what worked for them, including taking a field trip to downtown San Antonio to see firsthand how that city runs its three PEG Channels.

While there is no way to gauge the day-to-day "ratings" of UC TV, the stories on-demand side of the channel is where we've seen some success. Since its launch in June of last year, stories have racked up 7,010 views as of this writing.

Spectrum customers can access UC TV on channel 1306. For those who do not have Spectrum cable, the on-demand feature lets you click on the "live" streaming feature, and you can select which stories you want to watch.

*Send us story ideas or vintage photos or film to UC TV by sending an email to [stories@uctx.gov](mailto:stories@uctx.gov).*



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## Grill House Burgers Launches in UC

2025 was a great year for the City's Economic Development Corporation. Among its successes, welcoming and celebrating more than 20 businesses including two schools. For local business owners, the ribbon cuttings aren't just photo opportunities.

They're an opportunity to gather friends and neighbors and let them know why they chose Universal City.

The City held the final ribbon cutting of 2025 at family-owned Grill House Burgers. But its menu features much more.

With multiple great reviews piling up, owners want potential customers to know the restaurant also offers crispy wings, hand-dipped milkshakes, wraps, BBQ and more.

Its mantra is "Savor Family, Flavor and Fun." Decide for yourself. 3142 Pat Booker Road Suite 150.



# Heart of Texas, Soul of Nashville

Josh Varnes remembers going to the UC Snowfest and Carnival growing up in Universal City. Now he's slated to be the featured entertainment at the February 21st event.

"I'm so excited to be coming back home to be part of an event that has such great memories for me growing up," he said.

The timing couldn't be better for country music artist Varnes. He just signed a record contract with Label 22 Records living in his new home base in Nashville. In December Varnes dropped his first single "For Sale by Owner." Label 22 is unique. It was found by combat veterans. It's mission, to empower those who've served both on and off the stage.

The Samuel Clemens High School graduate and his wife are entering a special season in their lives. He describes himself as husband, Texan, music man and RN, which is his full-time job as he continues writing, recording and collaborating.

It was his wife Shay who convinced Josh to go for his music dreams and move to Nashville.

"At some point I realized that my music was evolving and I wanted to personally as well," he said.

Varnes says when he performs at the UC Snowfest and Carnival, he will have a special tune for his Clemens alma mater. You can follow



*"I'm so excited to be coming back home to be part of an event that has such great memories for me growing up."*

— Josh Varnes



the schedule for all the entertainers at [ucsnowfest.com](http://ucsnowfest.com). Updates on the food and merchandise vendors will be posted on the event's official Facebook page UC Snowfest and Carnival.



## YOUR UTILITY BILL

### Sewer Averaging Concludes in March

Universal City residents will soon see their new sewer rate reflected on upcoming utility bills. The change with be reflected on April billing for zones 3 and 4, and May for zones 1 and 2.

Each year, sewer averaging is calculated by using three winter billing periods when household water use is typically at its lowest. This helps ensure your sewer rate is based on your most efficient water usage.

If you experienced a water leak during the averaging period, you may request a sewer averaging adjustment. Please note that pool maintenance or other high-water-use activities are not eligible.

Adjustment requests must be submitted at the utilities window at City Hall, 2150 Universal City Blvd., and must include documentation showing the leak has been repaired.

Adjustment requests will not be accepted after June or July, based on your zone.

*For more information you can reach out to the contact the Utility Billing Department at 210-659-0333 and select option 2.*



# UCLibrary

## Events & Programs

### GREAT PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

## Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Universal City Public Library is hosting its Spring Book Sale March 26-28. Come check out their selection of gently used DVDs, jigsaw puzzles, CDs, LPs, and audiobooks at unbeatable prices. Meeting Room.

Thursday, March 26: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Friday, March 27: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Saturday, March 28: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### A ROYAL ADVENTURE TEA PARTY

Step into a magical kingdom at our Royal Adventure Tea Party! Children are invited to come dressed as a prince, princess, knight, fairy, or their favorite royal character.

#### Saturday, February 2

10 a.m. – Ages 6+ (Caregiver optional)  
12:30 p.m. – Ages 3–5 (Caregiver required)  
Registration required. Register at the circulation desk or call 210-659-7048.

#### STORYTIME: Read, Sing, and Learn Together

##### Pre-K

Pre-K Storytime is appropriate for children ages 3–5 years and their caregivers. No registration required.  
*10 a.m. Tuesdays. Meeting Room.*

##### Toddler

Toddler Storytime is appropriate for children ages 2–3 and caregivers. No registration required.  
*11 a.m. Tuesdays. Meeting Room.*

##### Baby Storytime

Baby Storytime is designed for our youngest library patrons ages birth to 25 months and their caregivers. Join us for songs, stories, and rhymes that strengthen infant-caregiver bonds and support early brain development. No registration required.  
*10 a.m. Wednesdays. Meeting Room.*

### TINKER TUESDAYS

Tinker Tuesday is a fun, hands-on program for kids 6+. Explore arts & crafts, LEGOS, games, and STEM projects—come tinker, create, and play at the library.  
*4 p.m. Tuesdays. Meeting Room.*

### READ WITH THERAPY DOGS

Children can practice their reading skills by reading to Teddy, a trained therapy dog, in a quiet, relaxed setting. Reading aloud helps improve fluency, comprehension, and confidence. Each child signs up for a 15-minute time slot. Questions? Call the library at 210-659-7048 or stop by the circulation desk.

**Saturday, February 7** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, March 7** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### YOUNG AT HEART

#### SENIOR GAMES (BINGO)

Open to Senior ages 60 and up only.  
No registration required.

**Fridays at 1 p.m.**

**beginning February 6th.**

Meeting Room.

Subject to cancellation.

Please call the library to confirm dates.

## CRAFTY CREW

Coloring, drawing, scrapbooking, crocheting, knitting, and everything in between. Bring your own craft project to work on and connect with other crafters for creative focus, inspiration, and great conversation. This program is designed for adults 18+. No registration required. 1 p.m. February 11 and 25 and March 11 and 25. Activity Room.

## BOOK BUDDIES

Monthly book club for adults 18+. No registration required.

### Wednesday, February 18

2:30 p.m. Activity Room. Book Selection: Conclave by Robert Harris.

### Wednesday, March 18

2:30 p.m. Activity Room. Book Selection: The Frozen River by Ariel Urrea.

## TASTEE TABLE

Pick a recipe from a featured cookbook and bring your dish to share! RSVP/registration is required. Stop by the circulation desk to select your recipe and get additional details. Designed for adults 18+ only.

### Wednesday, March 18

1 p.m. Meeting Room.  
Family Programs

## PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST

Create a unique diorama using PEEPS marshmallow candies as the main characters. Four voting categories: Best Literary Theme, "People's Choice", Best Children, Best Adult.

1. Choose your favorite book, scene, or pop culture theme.
2. Create a diorama using marshmallow chicks, bunnies, etc.
3. Drop off your creation to UCPL between March 17 – 21.

4. Vote for your favorite diorama between March 24 – March 28.
5. Winners announced the week of March 31.

## PUZZLE PALZ

Join us for Puzzle Palz, a special program designed for puzzle lovers - plus crosswords, and Sudoku! No registration required.

### Saturday February 7

11 a.m. Meeting Room

### Saturday, February 21

11 a.m. Activity Room

### Saturday March 7

11 a.m. Meeting Room

### Saturday, March 21

11 a.m. Meeting Room



# Peeps

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## Diorama Contest

Create a unique diorama using PEEPS marshmallow candies as the main characters.

### How to Participate:

1. Choose your favorite book, scene, or pop culture theme
2. Create a diorama using Peeps marshmallows
3. Drop off your creation to UCPL the week of March 17-21
4. Vote for your favorites March 24-28
5. Winners announced the week of March 31

#### Four Voting Categories:

- Best Literary Theme
- "People's" Choice
- Best Children
- Best Adult



**A Royal Adventure Tea Party**  
UCPL Youth Program

**Saturday, February 21**

10 a.m. - 6+ Years Old  
(Option of caregiver)

12:30 p.m. - 3-5 Years Old  
(With caregiver)

UCPL Meeting Room  
Limited Seating.  
**Registration Required.**  
Stop by the Circulation Desk or  
call 210-659-7048.

Children are welcome to come dressed as a prince, princess, knight, fairy or any royal character for our magical tea party!

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