



FENCE TALK

NEEDED: UHA BOARD MEMBERS

Due to expiring terms and neighbors moving, we're looking for new UHA board candidates!

Members serve 3 year terms and are involved in various activities around the neighborhood, including social gatherings, neighborhood beautification and occasional "heavier" issues like our recent Indenture reform and establishment of Trustee elections. Meetings are once a month.

Any candidates not elected to the board will become alternates, and usually end up becoming board members by replacing exiting board members mid-term.

If you are interested, contact board president Ed Renner or any other UHA Board member.

Have you thought about becoming a trustee some day?

One of the best and easiest ways to prepare for this is to sit on the UHA Board for a few years. You will learn what is going on and may become a trustee intern, who attends trustee meetings and helps them in various ways. Remember, the trustee positions are no longer lifetime sentences, but six year terms. There is an election every two years for one of the positions. The nominations are submitted by the trustees themselves and by the UHA Board.

Honoring Harriett Woods, former Missouri Lt. Gov.

On Saturday, February 9, 2008, the U.S. Post Office branch in University City officially became the "Harriett Woods Post Office" and the civic plaza directly in front of City Hall (on Trinity) in University City was named the "Harriett Woods Civic Plaza".

No government funds are being expended on this memorial. Through the support of the University City Park Foundation, a 501c3 organization, you can make a tax-deductible gift. Make the check payable to "University City Parks Foundation" and indicate that it is designated for the Harriett Woods Civic Plaza; send it to the following: Judy Prange, Treasurer, University City Parks Foundation, 7401 Delmar, 63130.

Annual Meeting: Food, Fun and Facts

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30PM

U.City Library

Think the University Heights Association annual meeting is all business? Not at all!

The annual meeting is not only a chance to learn more about the workings of the neighborhood, but an opportunity to ask questions, visit with neighbors, and enjoy snacks and refreshments.

We're working on an interesting visiting speaker.

Of course, we elect UHA board members and hear from our Trustees.

Refreshments 6:30pm
Meeting 7:00pm

CALENDAR: MEETINGS, EVENTS

March 11, 2008	UHA Meeting 17 Princeton
April 9, 2008	UHA Annual Meeting
April 2008	U. City in Bloom Plant Sale
March 17-21	Leaf Pickup
April 14-18	Big Trash Pickup
May 2008	U. City Memorial Day Run

Leaf Reminder

Please note that the next leaf pickup week is 17-21 March. **Until then, please do not sweep your leaves into the street.** This can burden and clog our drains and sewers in the event of rain.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

FROM *SMELLY BILL* TO *WAR AND PEACE*-- LET US KNOW!

We came across an idea we like: Neighbors suggesting good reading opportunities to other neighbors.

If you are enjoying a book currently, send Fence Talk a very quick synopsis of the book and your thoughts. Four to six sentences will suffice. Kids books, fiction, non-fiction, poetry...it's all of interest!

From Betsy Grant on Harvard:

I am a bit behind the times as I am reading the complete Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling. I am nearly finished with the 6th book, 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince'. If you have not read these books, I highly recommend the entire series. There are interesting, appealing characters, both evil and good, suspense, intrigue, and plenty of magic. Yes, some of the volumes are very long, but the adventure is worth the effort.

5 MORE THINGS YOU CAN EASILY DO TO SAVE THE PLANET

AND SAVE YOURSELF EVEN MORE \$\$\$

Here are the other 5 of 10 simple things we all can do that will make a difference for us all AND save you money!

Strategy 6: Reuse plastic bags. Instead of chucking 100 billion plastic sacks a year (wow!), try and get a second, third, or tenth use out of them. Tote your lunch to work or your groceries home, or at least use them as garbage bags. Better yet, next time you shop, try a reusable bag. Learn how at ReusableBags.com.

The payoff: You're reducing pollution. The amount of oil it would take to make just 14 plastic bags would run your car for one mile.

Strategy 7: Green your car. The next time you're in the market for a new car, check out an eco option like a hybrid model -- whatever you do, don't get an SUV. In the meantime, take care of your current ride with regular tune-ups and properly inflated tires.

The payoff: Driving a 13-mile-per-gallon SUV wastes more energy in one year than if you left your refrigerator door open for six years! Getting regular tune-ups, performing maintenance, and having clean air filters will help you burn less gas and therefore pollute the air less. And properly inflated tires could save around 2 billion gallons of gas each year.

Strategy 8: Use recycled paper...in the bathroom. Most of the TP we use is made from virgin trees found in forests previously untouched by humans. Seeing as trees absorb carbon dioxide, we'd get better use from them living than we would as a roll in the powder room.

The payoff: If every household in America replaced one roll of toilet paper with a recycled post-consumer waste roll, 424,000 trees would still be standing. Look for eco paper towels and napkins too. If every household used recycled napkins, we would spare one million trees.

Strategy 9: Buy energy-efficient appliances. The old fridge conked out. Great! Replace it with an Energy Star appliance (EnergyStar.gov) and you'll use at least 15 percent less energy and water in your home. It might be a little pricier to buy, but you'll be saving money on your utility bills and helping the environment.

The payoff: If we all installed one Energy Star appliance, it would be like planting 1.7 million acres of new trees.

Strategy 10: Plant a tree. Adding green to your garden is aesthetically -- and earth -- pleasing.

The payoff: Just one tree (native to your region) will help make cleaner air and save the environment from 5,000 pounds of hot carbon dioxide each year.

Strategies 1-5? See the last Fence Talk (November 2007)!

FROM OUR TRUSTEES

Our Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) project is moving along nicely, after the first resolution was approved on February 12, 2008 by City Council. We are now preparing the technical bid specifications.

The next step is a second resolution, using the more detailed cost estimates, followed by published notices, as well as mail notification of all residents, about a public hearing regarding the costs. We hope this hearing will be in early May. After this, if all is well, we will go out to bid and hope to be ready to start in mid June.

Ongoing Communications During the NID Construction Period

Trustees will be providing **important construction bulletins by email**, using the Fence Talk email list, as construction moves ahead.

Sign up to be emailed by visiting the UHA's neighborhood Web site, www.fencetalk.org, and clicking "Contact Us" at the bottom of the list of contents on the home page. Please indicate that you are interested in being added to the mailing list. Or, contact Fence Talk (email info is on Page 4).

As with any email sent to the mailing list, we will send out only essential information, such as construction schedules and parking restrictions, which cannot wait for a paper Fence Talk. We promise to keep the mailings to a minimum. Your e-mail address will not be sold, loaned or otherwise revealed to any third party.

If you do not use e-mail, perhaps you could ask a neighbor who does to give you a copy of any message which comes their way about the construction.

We will also use the signs at the entrances to the subdivision, but are limited by how much detail we can put on them.

Your New Driveway or Patio

We have heard from many of you that you might like to use the contractor(s) we engage on this project to repair your own private driveways and patios at the same time, either in concrete or in asphalt (we will engage both types).

Once we contract with the concrete and asphalt companies, around May 30, things will happen very quickly. Therefore, at this stage we encourage you to consider whether or not you might like to do this. If so, it would be wise to get some bids now from other contractors, so you can ask for bids from the subdivision construction company(s) in early June and be ready to sign a contract with them within a week. We cannot stress enough that this window of opportunity will be very brief and you should have thought it through before that time, in order to make a sensible decision.

We trustees do not recommend, guarantee, or even suggest that you use the subdivision contractor, but we will be choosing someone we trust will do good work. You will either need to be on the e-mail list to hear about this or you need to call Joyce Daughaday so we can make special arrangements to notify you.

Big Trash Day: Be Nice to Our Trees

Bulky Item Collection, better known as Big Trash Day, is scheduled for April 14-18, 2008. The details are on www.ucitymo.org and on the last page of your University City calendar. If you stack your items against the trees, the big claw which picks things up will have to maneuver in and about the tree branches, which is quite damaging to our trees.

If you could put things out in the open and make sure to park cars away from the items, it would serve the city truck operators and the subdivision trees well.

ALSO: Spring leaf collection will be the week of March 17-21. Please keep leaves out of the street until this week.



CLASSIFIEDS, ETC.

CLASSIFIED AD PLACEMENT: To place a free ad, please contact Fence Talk.

NOTE: Fence Talk provides Classified as a helpful service free to neighbors. FT is not responsible for transactions that occur as a result, and makes no claim as to the accuracy or reliability of the advertisers within. It is the responsibility of neighbors to perform due diligence in these matters.

MESSAGE THERAPIST
Amy Ziegler- 727-1903

TENNIS, ANYONE?
Serious youth tennis players who are interested in professional tennis lessons may contact Emmanuel Yentumi, USPTA Professional Instructor, at (314) 726-5348.

EXPERT EUROPEAN-TRAINED HOUSE PAINTING AND CUSTOM RESTORATION Roger Douek, Architectural colorist. 341-5009.

New to U. Heights?

Call Margaret Rosielle at 725-5936 for a Welcome Packet.

Heights email list!

The UHA and Trustees occasionally send emails to residents about meetings, social events and important UH matters. We keep your email addresses private and the emails infrequent but useful. To add or remove yourself, contact Fence Talk.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

BABY SITTERS

Martha Yentumi	726-5348
Zach Dean	725-4274
Joey Ferber	727-2634
Becky Ferber	727-2634
Jack Biggs	727-8435

MOTHER'S HELPERS

Megan King	863-6978
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LAWN MOWERS

Arthur Yentumi	726-5348
Zach Dean	725-4274
Joey Ferber	727-2634
Becky Ferber	727-2634

PET SITTERS

Joey Ferber	727-2634
Becky Ferber	727-2634

YOUR TRUSTEES

Joyce Daughaday
863-3966 -- JoyceDaughaday@remax.net

Judy Baernstein
725-8530 -- baernstein@sbcglobal.net

Morton Hyman
727-1175 -- mdhyman@sbcglobal.net

2007-'08 UHA BOARD

Ed Renner	President	739 Radcliffe
Chris Gordon	Vice-Pres.	703 Harvard
Nan Rochberg	Secretary	6936 Cornell
Eileen Pheiffer	Treasurer	720 Radcliffe
Liberty Bishop	Member	6969 Dartmouth
Tracy Boaz	Member	780 Yale
Tim Cross	Member	726 Harvard
Roger Davenport	Member	784 Yale
Betsy Grant	Member	730 Harvard
David Heinze	Member	6940 Columbia
Patti LaVesser	Member	6928 Amherst
Margaret Rosielle	Member	17 Princeton
Jim Ross	Member	21 Princeton
Kit Sundararaman	Member	722 Harvard
Matthew Tillstrom	Member	729 Harvard

WHOM TO CALL

BARKING DOGS: First call the owner; if that fails, call Police 725-2211

STRAY ANIMALS: Police 725-2211

EXCESSIVE NOISE AFTER 10:00 PM:
Police 725-2211

TREES ENTWINED IN POWER LINES:
Ameren UE 342-1000

TREE PROBLEMS ON TREELAWNS: Judy Baernstein, 725-8530

TREES, SHRUBS, ETC. FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALK, UNSIGHTLY GRASS OR WEEDS OVER 8' HIGH ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, TRASH CONTAINERS LEFT OUT TOO LONG AFTER PICKUP, TRASH OR LITTER:
U-City Environmental Dept. 862-6767

TOO MANY RESIDENTS IN ONE HOUSE:
U-City Housing & Zoning 862-6767

TREELAWN LIGHTS BURNED OUT OR DAMAGED:
Ameren UE 342-1000

INTERSECTION LIGHTS BURNED OUT OR DAMAGED: Contact a Trustee (info at right)

GENERAL COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE HEIGHTS: Contact a Trustee (info in middle column)

ASSESSMENT AND PAYMENT QUESTIONS: Joyce Daughaday 863-3966

NEW NEIGHBOR WELCOME PACKETS:
Margaret Rosielle 725-5936

HEIGHTS WEB SITE: www.fencetalk.org

FENCE TALK: Matthew Tillstrom 265-6620
If you have any ideas or content, email: fencetalk@universityheightsonline.org.

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