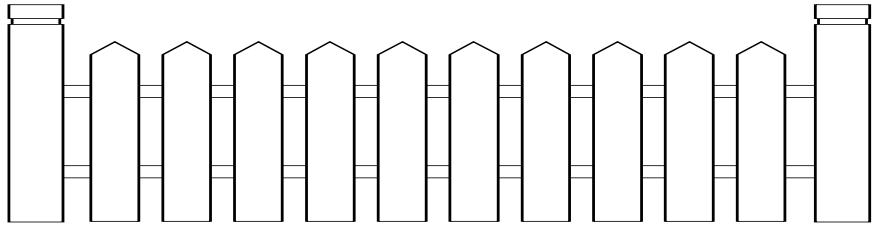


FENCE TALK

MARCH, 2002



Greetings Neighbors!

*It is freezing outside as I write this Fencetalk about all of the upcoming **spring** activities! Our seasons seems to be just a little mixed up!*

There are a lot of items on the Heights calendar—a neighborhood election and a school board and city council election, the University City House Tour and the new U Heights neighborhood House Tour, a plant swap, leaf pickup, bulky item pickup, symphony concerts....

Hopefully, many of you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting of the U Heights Association. This is the once per year opportunity for all neighbors to get together, elect representatives and give and get input on neighborhood affairs.

Michele Ludwig from the school district has given us an update on the activities at Delmar-Harvard, a welcome addition to Fencetalk.

I appreciate the input from many of you for this edition of Fencetalk. If you have any info or articles for future editions, call or e-mail me at 726-5352 or janetschaper@planetstl.com Happy Spring!!

Janet Schaper, editor

BOARD REPORT

The board discussed the Luminaria held in December. Due to rain on the original date, the celebration was rescheduled to New Years Eve. Many neighbors did not participate, perhaps due to previously made plans and travel, so the board discussed alternatives to the New Years Eve rain date. On a positive note, the board was able to cover the cost of the supplies purchased, and still have some supplies remaining for next year's celebration.

Zareena Koch will be organizing a 'friends and neighbors only' University Heights House tour in May. The board would like to make this a yearly event, and to tie it to the upcoming centennial celebrations in University City by including houses in the tour the year they turn 100 years old!

The March board meeting will be held at the Delmar restaurant in the loop.

Tim Cross and Angela Heinze volunteered as the nominating committee for the new board member election.

Suzanne Loui and Theresa Biggs will again update the Subdivision Directory.

ANNUAL MEETING

The University Heights Association annual meeting of all residents will be held Tuesday April 16. This year the meeting will be held at the Community Center (the library has remodeling work in progress). New board members will be elected & updates on issues in University Heights will be presented by the board and trustees. It is a great opportunity to find out what is going on in the neighborhood, to voice your opinion about matters and to meet some more of your neighbors. Time: 6:30 for light refreshments, 7:00pm for start of the meeting.

U HEIGHTS ASS'N BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Interested in participating in the neighborhood association events? Looking for a chance to get involved and meet some of your neighbors? The Board of the University Heights Association is looking for some new members. Contact Angela Heinze (721-2032) or Tim Cross (862-0828) with questions or to volunteer. Elections will be April 16th at the Association's Annual Meeting.

ELECTION

Tuesday, April 2 is Election Day for the University City City Council and the University City School Board. The League of Women Voters will sponsor a Candidates Forum on March 19 at the University City Community Center.

University Heights own Paul Schoomer is a candidate for re-election to the City Council for the Second Ward, and says "Any support from Heights voters would be gratefully received"

UNIVERSITY CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The University City Symphony Orchestra will play at 3:00pm on Sunday, March 24 at COCA, 924 Trinity under the direction of Leon Burke. The program includes Claude Debussy's *Afternoon of a Faun* and Manuel De Falla's *El Amor Brujo*. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Suzanne Schoomer at 862-8246.

FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP

The International Folk Dance Association of University City is having a Balkan folk dance workshop which includes dances from Macedonia, Northern Greece, Bulgaria, and Albania. It starts Friday, March 15 and goes through Sunday, March 17, 2002. The Friday and Saturday activities will be held at the Church of the Holy Communion at Jackson and Delmar. Sunday's workshop sessions will be held at Focal Point on Sutton just south of Manchester in Maplewood. Live music by Edessa will make it very special. Steve Kotansky, an internationally known teacher, will be showing us his stuff. He is an excellent teacher and lots of fun. Both teacher and band have worked across the USA at major workshops.

Friday we'll start teaching at 7:30pm. Saturday workshops start at 9:00am and Sunday at 10:00am. The workshops will be highlighted by a banquet Sat. night (5:30pm – cost \$10) and party (starting at 7:30pm and with the band, entrance will cost \$10.) The Sunday afternoon workshop will be a review. Single sessions are \$8 Sat. and \$10 Sunday.

Ages 10-18 will receive a 20% discount. Children under 10 are free, but must be accompanied by a parent. The package fee for the whole workshop is \$50 and includes all teaching sessions, Sat. lunch and evening banquet and the fantastic Sat. night dance party, drinks and snacks. Shopping for ethnic clothing, CD's, crafts, books, etc., will be open Fri. night and all day Sat. Call for information 314 – 726-5737 or 314 – 275-8228, or check our flyer at the website at www.siu.edu/folkdance.

SPRING LEAF PICKUP

The City of University City will collect leaves at curbside in University Heights the week of March 25-29. You may rake leaves to the curb line the week before the week of collection. Leaves and yard waste that are collected are used in the city's composting program to provide mulch at no charge to city residents. After this date, leaves and yard waste must be bagged in paper bags with yard waste stickers, and placed at the curb for pickup on Mondays.

BULKY ITEM PICKUP

March 21 (Thursday) is the date for the next University Heights Bulky Item Pickup. University City's bulky item collections are provided as a means for residents to dispose of large furniture and appliances not accepted during regularly schedule refuse collections. Please follow these rules:

-Place no more than three large items or 7 small bulky items within one to three feet of curb for collection

-Put items out after 4pm on March 20th and before 6:30 am on the 21st.

-Place only household items for collections, including appliances and furniture. The following items will not be collected: regular bagged or boxed refuse, construction waste, building debris, business or commercial items, railroad ties, tree logs, tree stumps, tires, batteries, drum containers or chemicals, chain fencing or poles.

-Wrap glass doors, windows, mirrors and glass tables with cardboard for mechanical pickup. Remove freon from refrigerators and air conditioners.

U HEIGHTS SPRING PERENNIAL PLANT SWAP

The spring Neighborhood Plant Swap and Potluck Luncheon will be held "decktop" starting at 11 am Sunday, May 19, at the home of Marcia & Michael LaCour-Little at 22 Princeton Avenue. Please mark your calendars!

All gardeners, female and male, are invited to this fun, delicious, CASUAL gathering of neighbors. And if your yard is bare, let us know ahead so we can *create* a new garden for you with the bounties of our own gardens!

Marcia asks that everyone keep in mind plants that you'd like to *receive* as well as plants that you can *share* so that we might coordinate efforts by creating a plant list ("have" and "want") in the weeks preceding the swap. This should be especially helpful for those great perennial staples --ubiquitous hosta, daylilies and iris: some of us can always use a few more, while others are reluctant to even offer to bring them!

Marcia can be reached at 863-8603 and by e-mail at mjlacour@swbell.net.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

The board will update the University Heights Directory in the near future. We will include a notice of the Annual Meeting and dues in the next issue of FenceTalk. This notice has a spot for you to indicate how you wish your entry in the Directory to read. Please be sure to include this information when you submit your dues payment.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL

A community memorial for September 11 will be held March 9 and 10 from 11am to 4pm at Moony Park (west on Delmar to Jackson, right on Jackson). Participants are invited to draw, write or collage to express their feelings about September 11. All works will be pieced together into a sculpture that will be displayed in Moony Park. Rain dates are March 15 and 16. For more information e-mail ekmann@art.wustl.edu.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS HOUSE TOUR

The Board is planning a University Heights House Tour for Sunday, May 19th. This will be a residents and friends only tour (we won't advertise outside of University Heights). If you are interested in including your home on the tour, or would like to help, please contact Zareena Koch at 721-3881.

DELMAR HARVARD SCHOOL NEWS

Every month, from now until the end of the school year, the School District of University City will be sharing with the residents of University Heights the learning experiences that are taking place at Delmar-Harvard Elementary School. The District wants to keep residents apprized as to what is taking place in their neighborhood schools.

Like most of the principals and teachers in University City, Delmar-Harvard Principal Dr. Vicki Gonzalez-Rubio and her staff like to offer their students cultural opportunities that take them beyond text books and classrooms. Because University City could be considered the cultural epicenter for the visual and performing arts, Dr. Gonzalez-Rubio and her staff have easy access to the St. Louis Symphony School, COCA, the Saint Louis Art Museum, and Washington University.

Last month, Delmar-Harvard students were invited to COCA to experience the sounds of internationally-known, all-female jazz quintet Straight Ahead. During the performance, students learned about the history, function, and sound of each instrument played by the performers. Later in January, students visited with internationally-known children's artist and author Faith Ringgold. She is best known for her painted story

quilts; art that combines painting, quilted fabric, and storytelling.

Many of the opportunities offered to students is due in part to partnerships, such as the one Delmar-Harvard has with Washington University. Last spring, Delmar-Harvard and Washington University formalized a Professional Development School Partnership that allows student teachers from Washington University to work with Delmar-Harvard teachers and students. The YMCA Y-Read Program also involves Washington University work-study students spending over 300 hours per week at Delmar-Harvard.

There are many resources available to children and their parents at Delmar-Harvard. The Writing Center, written up in Reading Today (a publication of the International Reading Association) as a "shining example" of a top-notch language arts program; First Books/KETC 9 Program, a program for kindergartners, first-grade students, and their families; ACT, a district intergenerational tutoring program; and the University City Public Library.

In February, students will participate in the Rainbow Repertory, which will feature drums, storytelling, and dancing. Delmar-Harvard is also sponsoring Unity Night on February 26 to celebrate Black History Month. For more information, call 290-4390.

Tune in next month for more news about Delmar-Harvard, McNair Sixth-Grade Center, Brittany Woods Middle School, and University City High School where the opportunities are endless!

CALENDAR

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| Tuesday, March 12 | University Heights Board Meeting at The Delmar Restaurant & Lounge 5235 Delmar 7:30 |
| Thursday, March 21 | Bulky Item Pickup |
| Tuesday, March 19 | Candidates Forum 7:15 University City Community Center |
| Sunday, March 24 | University City Symphony concert at COCA 3pm Sculpture Series opens 2:30 to 5pm City Hall |
| Week of March 25 – 29 | Curbside Leaf Collection |
| Tuesday, April 2 | Election Day |
| Saturday, April 6 | Pet Vaccination Clinic 8:30-11:30 am Community Center |
| Sunday, April 7 | Daylight Savings Time Begins (move clock forward 1 hour) |
| Sunday, April 28 | University City Residential Service House Tour Noon – 5pm University City Symphony Concert 3pm, COCA |
| Saturday, May 4 | U City in Bloom Plant Sale 9am to 2pm Community Center |
| Sunday, May 19 | University Heights Neighborhood House Tour University Heights Garden Club Plant Swap 11am to 1pm St. Louis Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony, Blueberry Hill |
| Monday, May 27 | Library Memorial Day Run (some streets in University Heights closed for a portion of the day) |