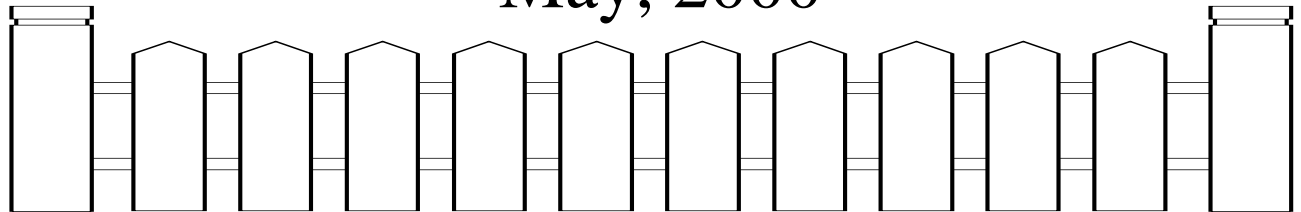


Fence Talk

University Heights Association, Inc.

May, 2000



ANNUAL MEETING

Eight new Association Board members were elected at the annual meeting held April 25th at the University City Library:

Theresa Biggs 6955 Amherst
Jim Cartwright 711 Radcliffe
Tammy Jennings 780 Yale
Jeff Massey 6941 Dartmouth
Bryan Phillips 714 Harvard
Yossi Shapiro 781 Yale
Leslie Stocker 760 Yale
Linda Strassburger #4 Princeton

They join current board members continuing their terms:

Angela Fedderson-Heinze 6926 Dartmouth
Liz Lewis 770 Radcliffe
Suzanne Loui 708 Radcliffe
Joe Wilson 733 Harvard
Tim Cross 726 Harvard
Pat Kieley 6975 Cornell
Malcolm Bea 6900 Cornell
Juliette Smith 6934 Dartmouth

The new board will meet Tuesday, May 9 at Angela Heinze's home (6926 Dartmouth) to elect officers and set dates for events during the upcoming year.

Also at the meeting we were treated to an interesting talk by our neighbor, Eric Sandweiss, about the history of University City. Eric is a third generation U-Citian and the Director of Research at the Missouri Historical Society, and shared with us the 'facts' of our city's history, as well as the 'majic' that has contributed to its charisma and allure. THANK YOU, ERIC!

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Our trustees, Ron Scott and John Jennings also spoke at he annual meeting about several topics of interest:

Deductibility of Payment for Street Assessment John Jennings stated that several residents had asked if the payment for our street assessment was considered a tax and therefore deductible. He said that the City of University City has paid for and obtained an opinion letter from a local CPA that states that the assessment is deductible. He will make copies of that letter available to residents in a future issue of FENCETALK. John cautioned that having the letter does not preclude the IRS from ruling that the assessment is non-deductible in the event of an audit. However, having the letter may diminish penalty charges, and would be a defense against fraud.

Repair projects scheduled The trustees are contracting to have the ornamental street lights rewired and repaired. They will have trees in tree lawns trimmed or cut down as needed and as the budget allows. They have contracted for regular grass cutting in the tree lawns, and will try to better coordinate the street cleaning days with the grass cutting times.

Increasing Annual Assessment The trustees are requesting an increase in the annual assessment provided for in our indenture. The proposed increase would be from \$1.50 per frontage foot to \$3.00 per frontage foot. The assessment has only increased 3 times since the inception of our indenture in 1905. Signatures of 50% of U Heights residents are needed, followed by approval of the courts. The trustees and most of the residents in attendance at the meeting believe that the increase is necessary for proper

maintenance of the subdivision and preservation of our property values.

Committee to explore rewriting of entire indenture. John Jennings is forming a committee to explore the possibility of drafting a new indenture. He explained that our current "Declaration of Trust and Agreement" (the indenture) has historical significance, but is not a very practical tool for managing our subdivision at the current time. Further, the means for amending the indenture have been made impractical by court rulings. If you are interested in working on this committee, please contact John Jennings at 726-4690.

Parking/Safety Issues on Trinity The trustees are continuing to try to resolve the parking and safety issues on Trinity Avenue with the City of University City. They have painted curbs in some areas yellow and erected signs indicating it is a tow away zone. They anticipate that this is a temporary measure.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR SUBDIVISION

Most of you are aware that our subdivision is designated as a National Historic District, and that the history of our subdivision is a significant part of the history of University City. The information gathered and produced for the nomination is now on file at the University City Public Library in their archives. It is available to residents by appointment with one of the reference librarians. IT includes pictures, reports, maps and records that might be of value in researching the history of your house. In addition, the library owns original photographs of University Heights and some of the individual houses taken between 1904 and 1913.

Dean Lewis, our neighbor on Dartmouth (since 1966) wrote the Statement of Significance of the architectural and planning aspects of University Heights for the nomination for designation as a National Historic District. He has shared a copy of that document with FENCETALK, and we will attempt to share that document with everyone, possibly through excerpts in subsequent issues of FENCETALK.

At the annual meeting one of the residents brought up the fact that resident records used to be kept on index cards by the trustees. The cards recorded the changes in property owners as they occurred. Ron Scott, our current trustee, confirmed that the cards, though slightly dusty, still do exist. Some members of the Board indicated that they would consider making a project of organizing and possibly reproducing the information on the cards.

If you have any information about the history of our subdivision (facts, trivia, gossip) that you would like to share with FENCETALK, please send it to the editor, Janet Schaper (e-mail janetschaper@planetstl.com; phone 726-5352; address 6974 Dartmouth).

LAMPPOST PLANTERS

The University Heights Garden club is preparing to place the flowering plants on the decorative lampposts throughout the subdivision. If you would be interested in "adopting" one of the lampposts, please contact Janet Schaper at 726-5352. Lamppost "parents" will be responsible for watering the plants as needed (sometimes daily during very hot times). If you are interested in helping with the planting, please contact Judy Harmon at 863-6159.

LIGHTS AT NIGHT

University Heights follows the University City Police Department in recommending that residents leave outdoor lights on all night. The few cents that it costs is worth it for the security it brings. Inexpensive sensors can be purchased at hardware stores, which when screwed into the fixture between the socket and the bulb will turn any light into a dusk-to-dawn security light. Not only is this a highly recommended safety measure, but it makes our neighborhood look bright, warm and welcoming to guests.

CALENDAR

May 9	Tues	Board Meeting at 6926 Dartmouth
May 14	Sun	Mother's Day
May 21	Sun	Fair in the Square noon to 6 pm
May 29	Mon	Memorial Day Holiday
May 30	Tues	Refuse/Recycling collection for Mon rtes
June 15	Thurs	Bulky Item Pickup

RECYCLING

U City residents can now recycle magazines, junk mail, Shopping catalogs, office paper, envelopes and computer Paper at the Heman Park drop off center. They can be Put in the green and yellow Donohue recycling bins at the North rear parking lot. You may also bring recyclable Household chemicals to the Midland & Purdue parking lot On Saturday, June 3 from 9 to 3. Accepted items include Paint, paint thinners, gasoline, fuels, antifreeze, used Motor oil, lead acid batteries and household solvents.

SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTH**BY ...Dr. John Thomas****Vitamin Power**

I've been thinking about starting my garden. Thinking about eating fresh stuff that I grew in my own soil. I have not used any fertilizer for years. I'm not trying to be organic I'm just low cash. The free leaf mulch and crushed limestone served me well.

Back in my fertilizer days, I used the regular stuff at Grandpas'. You know, that stuff in the bag with three numbers. Lately, I wonder if my garden can produce healthy vegetables, full of vitamins and minerals, when I only replenish the soil with the three things in the fertilizer bag.

These thoughts point to the issue of soil depletion. Since World War II, the frams of the United States have fed much of the world's population. Certainly, this vast quantity of soil has been exhausted of all the minerals necessary to produce healthy, nutritious plants. How can the soil be replenished if only nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus are added? Can it be possible that what looks green and healthy is simply a reservoir for the three numbers? I'm still thinking about this, but not too hard. I like to eat and do not like to worry. I eat the best produce possible and take daily vitamin supplements, just in case.

2000 U City Sculpture Series Participants

- A. Rosie Morgan, "Raincoat for the Rain Man."
(Kingsland and Delmar)
- B. Darcy Adams, "Get the Phone." (Heman Park tennis courts off Olive)
- C. Nicolas Montemayor, "Lewis Park Pond Objects."
(Lewis Park, off of Delmar and Pennsylvania)
- D. Jana Stockwell, "Cataloguing the Mind-Site." (Heman Park Fountain)
- E. Lauren Rosenthal, "Beyond Despair, Towards Hope."
(River Des Peres between Groby and Wilshire)
- F. Tracy Kodner, "Swimming in the Trees." (Mooney (formerly Jackson) Park playground off Jackson north of Delmar)
- G. Debbie Steffin, "A Puzzle Piece of Art." (Market in the Loop on Delmar)
- H. Julia Sybalsky, "The Metallic Maggot Meeting."
(Northmoor Park off Big Bend)

ST. LOUIS WALK OF FAME

The induction ceremony for the 2000 Walk of Fame inductees will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 6504 Delmar at 1:30pm.

How many of the current 85 inductees can you name?

Maya Angelou	Henry Armstrong
Josephine Baker	James "Cool Papa" Bell
Yogi Berra	Chuck Berry
Susan Blow	Lou Brock
Jack Buck	Grace Bumbry
William Burroughs	Harry Caray
Kate Chopin	Auguste Chouteau
William Clark	Barry Commoner
Arthur Holly Compton	Carl & Gerty Cori
Bob Costas	William Danforth
Dwight Davis	Miles Davis
Dizzy Dean	Phyllis Diller
Katherine Dunham	James B Eads
Tom Eagleton	Charles Eames
Buddy Ebsen	T.S. Eliot
Stanley Elkin	Eugene Field
Redd Foxx	Joe Garagiola
Dave Garroway	William Gass
Bob Givson	John Goodman
Betty Grable	Ulysses S. Grant
Dick Gregory	Robert Guillaume
John Hartford	Al Hirschfeld
A.E. Hotchner	William Inge
Johnnie Johnson	Scott Joplin
Albert King	Kevin Kline
Pierre Laclede	Charles Lindbergh
Theodore Link	Elijah Lovejoy
Masters & Johnson	Bill Mauldin
Virginia Mayo	Marianne Moore
Agnes Moorehead	Stan Musial
Howard Nemerov	Gyo Obata
Marlin Perkins	Vincent Price
Joseph Pulitzer	Peter Raven
Branch Rickey	Irma Rombauer
Charles M. Russell	Red Schoendienst
Dred & Harriet Scott	Henry Shaw
Leanard Slatkin	Willie Mae Ford Smith
Sara Teasdale	Clark Terry
Henry Townsend	Helen Traubel
Ernest Trova	Tina Turner
Mona Van Duyn	Dick Weber
Tennessee Williams	Shelly Winters
Harriett Woods	