



Progressive Dinner (Hosts Needed!)

Back by popular demand!

In conjunction with Luminaria 2007, we are excited to once again coordinate the University Heights Progressive Dinner Party on Sunday, December 16. EVERYONE is invited and you do not have to host to attend.

Here's how it works:

5:30pm - 6:30: Cocktails (four hosts needed)

6:45 - 7:45: Soup/salad (four to six hosts needed)

8:00 - 9:00: Everyone will end up at one BIG house for dessert

You will go to three different homes in the neighborhood and bring a dish and beverage to one of your host's homes. You will receive all your assignments in a confirmation letter or e-mail that arrives a few days before the event.

This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and see friends you've been missing. Encourage your friends and neighbors to attend!

We need hosts for all courses. Please call Tracy Boaz at 452-3986 or e-mail her at willowhill2@hotmail.com to volunteer your home or to RSVP. We are looking forward to another great family and neighborhood event!

LUMINARIA: 16 DECEMBER

The neighborhood Luminaria display will be Sunday, December 16, 2007. Sales of the Luminaria lights will be Saturday, December 15, 2007, from 10 am until 4 pm and Sunday December 16, 2007, from 10 am until 2 pm. The sales booth will be in Central Park (the vacant lot at Radcliffe and Columbia). Stop by to chat and purchase your Luminaria lights (candles, bags and sand) one light for one dollar or 6 lights for five dollars. The proceeds go to the University Heights Neighborhood Association. In the evening stroll the neighborhood to see the combined effect of hundreds of candle lanterns.

Halloween Great Pumpkin winners

Thanks to everyone who helped make Halloween a safe and fun neighborhood event! The Great Pumpkin tells Fence Talk that the following houses were judged spookiest houses on the block:

726 Harvard
916 Trinity
6901 Cornell
773 Yale

6925 Delmar
3 Princeton
751 Radcliffe

6947 Amherst
6975 Dartmouth
6916 Columbia

Neighborhood Improvement District Passed

Your Trustees are pleased to announce that sufficient signatures have been obtained to pass this bond issue and we have called an end to the signing period as of 10/15/07. Your neighbors who signed the petition comprised 72% of the square footage of land in the neighborhood, against a requirement of 66.6% We are very pleased that the individuals who signed the petition also represented a majority of 66.7% of all owners. Out of 267 units, 178 voted in favor (66.7%), 30 voted against (11%), 1 abstained and 62 could not be reached or chose not to vote (23%).

What's next? We begin the process of reviews by City Council, revising cost estimates, public hearing and the bidding and choosing of contractors. We are hopeful that the work will actually begin early next year. We will keep you informed as we progress toward this goal.

The trustees would like to express our gratitude to the neighbors who helped to take the petition around. We know how much effort is involved in tracking down our busy neighbors! We are also grateful to all the neighbors who voted in favor of this project and to those who chose to vote against it. We listened to your concerns and will give them careful consideration as we work on your behalf to maintain this lovely historic neighborhood.

Read more Trustee News on page 3.

Leaf Reminder

Please note that the next leaf pickup week is 26-30 November. **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.

CALENDAR: MEETINGS, EVENTS

November 26-30
December 16
December 16
December 20
December
January 8, 2008
February 12, 2008
March 11, 2008
April, 2008

Leaf pickup (per UCity Calendar)
Progressive Dinner
Luminaria (sales: 15 + 16 Dec)
Big Trash Day
- No Meeting -
UHA meeting 739 Radcliffe
UHA meeting 720 Radcliffe
UHA meeting 17 Princeton
UHA Annual Meeting

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

SINGLE STREAM: THE BIG BLUE BINS COLLECT IT ALL!

You have probably seen the new 48-gallon blue recycling cart with wheels and a lid. They replace the blue and yellow bins, and can be used for all recyclables.

Place them into the big blue cart and roll it to the curb!

It is not necessary to sort the containers, but please rinse them. Lids can be left on containers. Recyclables include:

- Aluminum/steel cans; Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic jugs, bottles and containers: #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 (no #6 styrofoam)
- Newspapers, Magazines, Junk mail, Office paper
- And more...

The recyclables list and more information are here:

<http://www.ucitymo.org/DocumentView.asp?DID=505>
<http://www.ucitymo.org/DocumentView.asp?DID=506>

The city will no longer be picking up recyclables in the two bins. Residents can keep the old bins.

All recyclable items (including old electronic equipment) can also be dropped off at the self-service Recycling Drop-off Center located in the rear parking lot of 975 Pennsylvania.

Questions? Dennis Lockett, Lynn Hicks @ 862-6767.

LOOP NEWS

The Delmar Loop is one of 10 Great Streets!

The American Planning Association (APA) celebrates the first 10 Great Streets and 10 Great Neighborhoods designated through its new national program, Great Places in America.

Launched last spring, Great Places in America celebrates places of exemplary character, quality, and planning. Places are selected annually and represent the gold standard of communities. The designated neighborhoods and streets are defined by several characteristics, including good design, functionality, sustainability, and community involvement.

Visit <http://www.planning.org/greatplaces/> to read more.

New Eatery in Loop

Booster's Cafe on Melville is open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and has great breakfast (reported per Diane Davenport – she had not tried lunch or dinner fare yet.) And, they serve Northwest Coffee.

10 THINGS YOU CAN EASILY DO TO SAVE THE PLANET

AND SAVE YOURSELF \$\$\$

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

Strategy 1: Change your light bulbs. We're sure you've heard this before -- and we know it's tempting to buy the four-pack of bulbs for \$2 -- but compact fluorescent bulbs use two-thirds less energy and last 10 times longer than standard incandescent bulbs.

The payoff: If Americans replaced just one bulb in their home, it would save enough energy to light 2.5 million homes in one year and prevent an amount of greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of 800,000 cars.

Strategy 2: Bring your own mug to Starbucks. You'll get a 10-cent discount, and it's one less paper cup in a landfill. While you're there, pick up some free bags of spent coffee grounds to use as "green" fertilizer in your garden.

The payoff: The store won't create more waste when they throw away a cup, and you can start growing carbon dioxide-eating plants au naturel.

Strategy 3: Save water. Run the dishwasher only when it's full, and don't pre-rinse dishes (a waste of time, water, and energy). But the real water drain is the shower -- take shorter ones. Look into low-flow shower heads. They still have great pressure but conserve gallons of water from each shower.

The payoff: By skipping pre-rinse, you'll save 200 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released and \$40 a year. And by taking shorter showers, you'll conserve 350 pounds of CO2 and keep about \$100 in your pocket each year.

Strategy 4: Turn off your computer and electronics. When in standby mode, your PC is still using energy. In fact, 75 percent of electricity used in your home comes from electronics that are turned off. Stop this phantom electro rush by plugging your computer into a power strip and shutting down completely at the end of the day. Also, remove your iPod, digital camera, and phone chargers from outlets when not in use.

The payoff: Turning off a 75-watt monitor for 40 hours a week might only save \$4.38 a month, but it reduces CO2 (greenhouse gas emissions) by 750 pounds, burning 450 fewer pounds of coal each year!

Strategy 5: Cancel catalogs. Many of us have a steady flow of unwanted junk mail, catalogs, and magazines. Let's say everyone in New York City received 10 a month: That would make 240,248 tons of paper waste! Call 888-5-OPTOUT or get off the lists at NewDream.org or <http://catalogchoice.org>. Make sure to recycle what you do receive. University City has a great curbside recycling program that is easy to use and cuts down on a tremendous amount of trash ending up in our landfills.

The payoff: Less energy is spent on creating paper (which kills trees we need) and less trash is created when we can reuse products. The immediate return? Less clutter at home!

Strategies 6-10? Stay tuned for the next Fence Talk!

Jazz on Thanksgiving Weekend

Jazz musician and former Heights resident Jeremy Davenport will play at Jazz St. Louis over Thanksgiving weekend. He will be playing his regular homecoming concerts on Friday and Sat. night -- 2 sets each night. This year he has added a fundraising concert on the Sunday afternoon to benefit The Pancreatic Foundation in honor of Ed Murray, one of Jeremy's favorite teachers when he was at Brittany Woods, who died of pancreatic cancer. Tickets can be purchased through Metrotix or Jazz St. Louis.

FROM OUR TRUSTEES

Speed Bumps – The Trial

Most of you have probably noticed the new speed bumps on Yale. They are here on a trial basis in response to the years of requests from many neighbors to do something to reduce the speeding in and out of the neighborhood. If speed bumps are the right answer to this issue we think they would also be needed on Trinity, Harvard and at the Princeton end of Cornell. Before we remove them or add to them we would like to hear from you. So far, the feedback we have received has been strongly positive. No one thinks the speed bumps are beautiful but many think they achieve a desired end.

In deciding to test speed bumps, we considered a number of issues. First of all, we ascertained that the police and fire departments are not opposed to speed bumps. On those (typically few) occasions when our streets need to be plowed, speed bumps will slow the plow down since it has to be raised and lowered at each bump. The speed bumps are configured with a gap in the middle of the street and to each side to allow bicycles and the like to pass unimpeded and to allow water, leaves and such to flow freely to the storm sewers.

We considered alternatives to the speed bumps. Horses are unattractive, restrict parking, get crashed into or moved and cause people to swerve into oncoming traffic. As for increased police patrols for speeding or for failure to stop at our stop signs, this can help, but the police cannot be in here all the time. The police also discourage residents from stopping and lecturing neighbors or strangers who are speeding.

We look forward to hearing your opinions and will listen carefully to every opinion expressed. It is worth noting that the Board of the University Heights Association voted enthusiastically to pay for one of the speed bumps in order to show their support.

New Trees Arriving: Tree City USA, Tree Subdivision No. 1

Twenty-five new trees have arrived for planting after November 14. We are purchasing most of them from a group called Forest ReLeaf, which provides trees at a modest price to municipalities, not-for-profits, and neighborhood groups. We have ordered river birch, lacebark elm, American hornbeam, American hophornbeam, Amur maple, October Glory maple, sugar maple, Zelkova, Fringetree, linden, and blackgum (no, not sweetgum). All these trees have also been approved by Droege for suitability. We have been working with a tree committee, as well as Droege, to find the best locations for these new trees. We have contacted all the homeowners where we think trees should go and have their commitment to water and watch over this tree for at least a whole year. Our tree planter, Tom Bowman, will be at work on these for several days. Please allow him to use your water faucet to water these in. We will be providing the lucky householders with a rubber watering device (a "gator") to make the care of these a bit easier.

As many of you have noticed, a number of dead or dying trees have been removed and some serious pruning has occurred around the neighborhood, to the tune of \$20,000 so far this year. There is more to come.

Roger Branson, our arborist from Droege Tree Care tells us that many of the problems showing up this year (especially in some of our 73 pin oaks) are not from any disease or insect problem, but are the result of many different stressors: the several years of drought, the heat this summer, the freeze in April, the curb and sidewalk repairs of 2002-4, and the stresses of being a street tree with a street on half of your roots and a concrete strip on your other side. Top all of that with many trees which have reached their natural maturity, and we have some serious tree problems.

How can we mitigate this situation? Roger suggests that everyone pay attention to their own and neighbor's trees by watering them regularly. He recommends that when there is less than 1" of water per week, we should water the tree lawn and the lawn under the branches slowly, to 1" per week. You can set a coffee can on the lawn when you sprinkle and measure the water that way or set up a long, slow drip. The tree roots continue to grow after the leaves fall for several months and start in early spring, so the longer you can water, the better.

Our new Neighborhood Improvement District project to do sidewalk and curb work is of serious concern to our tree future. We will write the specifications to include an arborist in the planning stages of the work. There will be some damage, but we will do our best to minimize it, with our arborist, Roger, by our side.

Drainage From Delmar-Harvard School Abated

After very cordial and productive discussions with the School District representatives, the district repaired the drainage on the D-H playground. We hope this will staunch the run-off which flowed onto the sidewalk on Harvard and covered it with mud. The School District is also taking back the care and mowing of the grass outside of the playground, which the subdivision has been doing for years. We applaud their willingness to take back their responsibilities when asked.

Thanks to our Flower Pot Volunteers

We would like you all to thank the neighbors responsible for the flowers around us. Alice Wetzel took over the care and watering of the marker flowers, and prettier roses were not seen anywhere. She is looking for some help next year, so please call to talk with her (378-7841). She was aided in watering by Peggy Orr, Judy Gainer, Juliette Smith, Don and Theresa Szwabo, Pat and Jim Paterson, and Judy Baernstein.

The red begonias on the lampposts at the intersections, our neighborhood trademarks, were managed by Judy Harmon, assisted by waterers Nina De Charms, Ron & Patti Skinner, Ann & Joe Wilson, Bob and Agnes Wilcox, Dan Diekneite, Gracie Hutchinson, Audrey Matthews, Kris Staszczuk, Barbara Chicherio, Alice Morrison, Rosalyn and Bob Wykes and probably several others who filled in when these folks were away. As you may know, flowers are put up only on intersections where someone has volunteered to water. Call Judy Harmon (863-6159) to volunteer for next year.



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.

TICKETS FOR SALE

A Night at the Lyric Opera in Chicago... Two tickets to Julius Caesar by Handel, Saturday, December 1. \$58 each, make an offer. You deserve a weekend in Chicago. Call Judy 725-8530.

CAR FOR SALE

1994 Acura Integra, grey, 162K mi., mechanically updated, very reliable, aesthetically challenged. 31mpg hwy. Great commuter or high school/college car. \$1600. 265-6620.

MASSAGE 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.

GARDENING HELP WANTED

Weeding, mulching, trimming, vacuuming. \$12/hr. 863-6296 (home) or 962-0008 (office).

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

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

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Morton Hyman
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2007-'08 UHA BOARD

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Margaret Rosielle	Member	17 Princeton
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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 at right)

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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