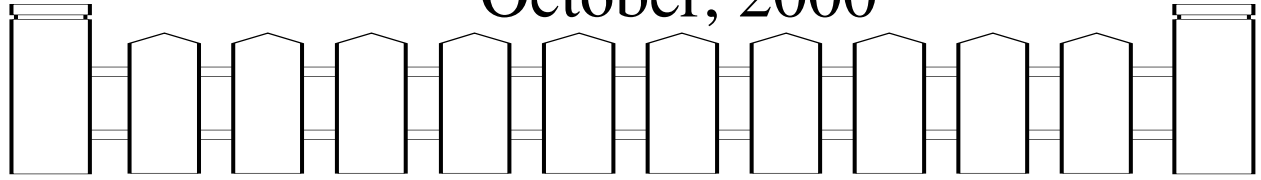


Fence Talk

University Heights Association, Inc.

October, 2000



BOARD REPORT

Thanks to the Board for a great neighborhood picnic! A good time was had by all. Thanks, also, to our neighborhood celebs who took a dunk!

See 'Trick or Treat' for information about the Halloween visit of the Great Pumpkin.

Malcolm Bee has organized a workgroup to repair the walkway at the school playground on Harvard on Saturday, October 7th. They will be starting at about 9am. Malcolm says to 'stop around' if you are interested in lending a hand, support or refreshments for the crew! Thanks Malcolm!

The October Board meeting will be held October 10th at Juliette Smith's home (6934 Dartmouth).

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Joyce Daughaday has been named as a Trustee. Thanks to Joyce for serving in this capacity!

Work is progressing on the Ornamental Light Posts. The Trustees have every hope that they will be 'lit' before winter!

The Trustees have hired a contractor to do need patch work on our streets. If you know of any places that need work, or have standing water after a rain, please call Malcolm Bee at 862-0454 prior to October 10th with that information.

If you would prefer to not have the Tree Lawn in front of your house cut by the neighborhood grass cutters, please call Ron Scott (725-0893) to add your name to the list.

FENCETALK

If you have any articles, ads or other information for the November Fencetalk, please get the information to Janet Schaper no later than October 25th. Contact her at 6974 Dartmouth, 726-5352, or janetschaper@planetstl.com. Written information is always preferable, for spelling of names and accuracy of information to be reported.

NEIGHBORS 'ON THE MOVE'

FAREWELL: Candyce and Griffen Trotter are in the process of moving to O'Fallon, Ill.

Cheryl Naylor and family are moving to Kirkwood.

Kenny and Leslie Stocker are moving (back) to Denver.

Walter and Marcia Bauer (wonderful neighbors for almost 40 years) have moved to the Central West End.

WELCOME: Kristina Somersalo and Jussi Metso, their children Jarko and Roni and Emma the cat have moved in at 6979 Dartmouth. They are from Finland, and Kristina is doing research at Washington University.

John & Tammy Jennings are moving across the street, into Cheryl Naylor's house, and Chris Munkel will soon be moving into their house.

(If you are a new neighbor, or have a new neighbor, or a neighbor moving away, if there is a birth, death, marriage, graduation or other significant event you would like to share with your neighbors, please contact Janet Schaper to have them included in Fencetalk).

TRICK OR TREAT

October 31st is the night you can expect ghosts, goblins, Darth Vaders and Harry Potters to fill the streets! Following are our neighborhood Trick-or-Treating rules:

If you are going to host trick or treaters, turn your porch light on at 6:00pm and off at 8:00pm. Do not answer your door after 8:00pm. If you are a trick-or-treater, or take your children out, please complete your rounds by 8:00pm.

There will be barricades and signs set up at both car entrances to the neighborhood to keep out unwanted traffic. If you have invited guests over, please let them know. **PLEASE DON'T MOVE OR REMOVE THE BARRICADES.**

Trick or Treaters are reminded to wear light colored clothing and/or reflective tape and to carry a flashlight.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN will be out to judge the pumpkins and decorations in the neighborhood, so please be sure to display your "work of art".

Street parties are welcome—but don't forget it's a school night!

LEAF RAKE OUT

U. City will pick up leaves at curbside three times this fall. The scheduled dates for pickup in University Heights are:

Week of October 9-13

Week of October 30 - November 3

Week of November 27 – December 1

Rake leaves to the curb the weekend before the scheduled pickup, but no earlier. Be careful not to park cars on piles of leaves, as the leaves can ignite.

Don't forget to take advantage of the leaf mulch and wood chips that are available free to residents at Heman Park.

RECYCLING ISN'T GARBAGE

Dear Neighbors,

I would like your opinion on an idea for University Heights and, hopefully, for all of University City: expanded curbside recycling. While University City has a generous program for its existing list of curbside items (we no longer have to remove lids!), we are behind the nation by not including magazines, catalogues, office paper, and junk mail in the items for curbside pickup.

We DO have the Heman Park drop-off recycle center! I go once a month with my twenty (yes, twenty!) pounds of catalogues and junk mail! But, let's face it. We ALL get lazy. As you can see below, it IS easier to toss these items out with the trash instead of sorting and saving them for a special (albeit short) trip to the center. The following amounts of commonly recycled materials STILL remain in our trash after recycling at current rates (Heman park drop-off for example):

Material	Percentage left in trash (National averages)	Amount thrown away Annually (million tons)
Magazines	70%	1.5
Office Paper	57%	3.9
Corrugated boxes	45%	12.7

In other words, more than half (57%) of even these highly recyclable materials is NOT recycled! Think about how we can EASILY improve these rates with the simplicity of a curbside program!

Recycling these items doesn't just save our natural forests. It helps keep the air clean! The decomposition of paper creates a variety of gaseous emissions. These gases include volatile organic chemicals which add to urban smog, and methane, a "greenhouse gas" that is far more potent per ton emitted than is carbon dioxide in contributing to global warming. Only a small minority of landfills operating today collects these gases. Landfills are responsible for an estimated 36% of all methane emissions in the U.S.

Unfortunately, recycling is not free. Recycling is not a panacea for our environmental problems, nor should it be pursued to the point of diminished returns or at any cost. I called the Public Works Dept. to volunteer my time to get this program started. No one returned my call, showing either a lack of interest, time, or both. That's why I am willing to take my time to find out if

this would be a worthwhile project. If we can get enough community support, perhaps we can get an outside company (Earthcircle) to come in, for a fee of about 3\$ a month per household, and pick up our magazines, catalogues, office paper, junk mail, and cereal, beer, and soda boxes. We could be pioneers in an expanded curbside program.

If I can get enough support from you, I will go back to the City and tell them we are ready to pilot an expanded curbside program. Please let me know either through a phone call (862-1973) or Email: SarahWolf1@aol.com.

I look forward to hearing your opinion!

Sarah Wolf 3 Princeton

LOOP IN MOTION

This year's Loop in Motion will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 13 – 15 in the Delmar Loop, featuring arts and crafts, music, food and fanfare. A Gallery Walk will take place Friday night. A Wild and Crazy Parade is scheduled for noon on Saturday, and the Dog Talent Contest for 1:30 on Saturday.

Sunday is the day for Taste the Loop, a chance to taste samples from a variety of the Loop's eating establishments. A performance stage will feature theatrical performances, dance and videos, and a second stage will feature live music from 2pm thru 9pm Saturday and Sunday.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 17 Presidential Debate at Washington University
October 29 Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back!)
October 31 HALLOWEEN
November 7 Election Day

FOLK DANCING

Many of our U Heights neighbors are avid folk dancers. You can join them on Saturdays at 7:30pm at Delmar and Jackson. For more information check out www.folkfire.org or call Diana Blanchard, 726-5737.

RECYCLE PHONE BOOKS

Phone books can be recycled until November 7th at Wash U's main campus at Lot 58, Wydown & Shepley, or at the West Campus at 7425 Forsyth. They can be recycled year round at Operation Brightside on Kingshighway at I-44.

Delmar-Harvard School Meeting

Sara Khan Shapiro is hosting a neighborhood gathering at her home, 781 Yale, on Sunday, November 5 from 4pm to 6pm (children welcome) to invite and encourage University Heights families to learn about Delmar-Harvard Elementary School and the University City School District. An Open House /Observation Day at Delmar-Harvard will be scheduled (TBA) to invite families to visit during a regular school day and observe classrooms. Please RSVP to Sara Kahn Shapiro (862-7976) or Shari LeKane-Yentumi (726-5348) if you plan to attend the November 5th gathering.

HISTORY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Developer E.G. Lewis took full advantage of the timing of the 1904 World's Fair (The Louisiana Purchase Exposition) to help advance his own projects. He directed his efforts in three ways: 1) He conducted a contest through his periodicals in which contestants guessed at the total attendance at the fair. The contest brought him publicity and profits, but did raise questions as to its legality. 2) He erected a giant beacon that drew the curious to his offices at the Lewis Publishing Corporation. 3) He erected a tent city that provided much needed room and board for fair visitors, and was conveniently located on University Heights One, the subdivision Lewis had just developed and in which he was most anxious to sell lots. Camp Lewis offered not only lodging and meals, but a hospital, barbershop, nursery and transportation to and from the fair. The fair was closed on Sundays, but Camp Lewis, the Magazine Building and the Real Estate Sale Office remained open. 80,000 people visited University Heights that summer and fall. Following is a photocopy of the advertisement for the lots.

Please note the correction to last month's article from Michael La-Cour-Little: The house listed as 6975 Princeton is actually #14 Princeton (formerly 6965 Princeton).

