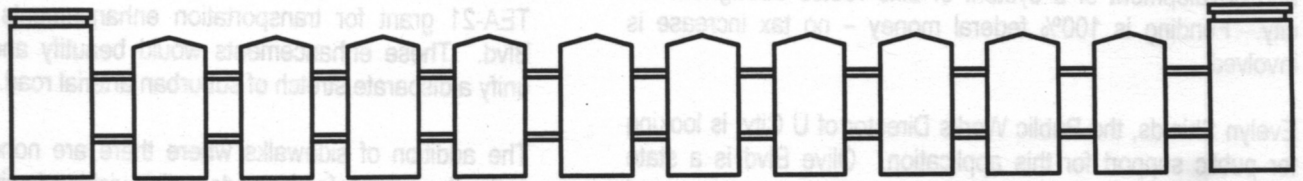




Fence Talk

University Heights Association, Inc.
December, 2000



ANNUAL LUMINARIA CELEBRATION

The 20th annual University Heights Luminaria Celebration will be held Sunday, December 17th at 6:00pm. To welcome winter and brighten one of the longest nights of the year, we line our sidewalks with traditional Mexican luminarias and invite everyone to take a winter stroll and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood by candlelight.

Luminaria Supplies (bags, sand and candles) will be sold by the Association on Saturday, December 16th from 10-4 and Sunday, December 17th from 12-4, at the neighborhood garage at the Dartmouth end of Harvard. Sets of 5 bags will be sold for \$2, and 5 sets of 5 will be sold for \$8.

The neighborhood looks best when there is a continuous line of lights on each street, so please participate and urge your neighbors to participate. If you have a neighbor who is elderly or infirm who would like to participate, please offer them your assistance.

LIGHTING TIME IS 6 PM

Our luminarias are a tradition borrowed from Mexico. They consist of paper bags illuminated by candles. Sand is used to weight the bag and keep the candle in place. We place them 3' to 5' apart along the sidewalk in front of our homes and light the candles at 6pm. You may also line your driveway, walk or porch if you wish. The candles sold by the association last about 6 to 8 hours and burn out in the sand.

Rain date for Luminaria is December 31st.



The January University Heights Association Board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9th at Linda Strassburger's home at #4 Princeton at 7:30pm.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING DATES

You can drag your Christmas trees (sans lights and decorations) to the curb for pickup the weeks of January 8th and 15th.

Bulky Item Pickup is December 21st.

December 26 Refuse and Recycling pickup in University Heights.



Randy and Zareena Koch will host a neighborhood coffee for parents of prospective kindergarteners who wish to find out more about Delmar-Harvard school. The coffee will be at their home at 6945 Dartmouth on January 25th from 3 to 5pm. For more information, please contact Zareena Koch at 721-3881.



The University City Residential Service's spring House Tour will be held from noon to 5pm on Sunday, April 29. UCRS has several homes scheduled for the tour, but needs a few more. If you know of a home other might enjoy seeing or would like to volunteer to staff a home, please call the UCRS at 726-0668.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome to Chris Munkel who has moved in at 780 Yale (John and Tammy Jennings previous home).

(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 the information included in Fencetalk).

OLIVE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

SAMPLE LETTER

Does Olive seem a bit gritty and under-developed to you? YOU can do something about it. By signing and mailing the following letter, you can show support for a federal grant to add sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and a bike path to Olive, at no extra cost to ourselves.

University City has applied for a TEA-21 federal grant of approximately \$1.4 million for improvements along Olive Blvd. and development of a system of bike routes throughout the city. Funding is 100% federal money – no tax increase is involved.

Evelyn Shields, the Public Works Director of U City, is looking for public support for this application. Olive Blvd is a state highway; MoDOT has expressed support for the grant proposal and a willingness to work with U City and citizens groups. Grant applications are being coordinated and scored by the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council. They have ten grants to award; ours was scored number 10. Regrading of grants is possible, and there are other proposals very close in score.

Specifically, sidewalks would be added where there are none now. Lighting similar to that around City Hall would be added at several intersections, and landscaping and other esthetic improvements would be installed. For instance, at intersections the asphalt could have the crosswalks colored gold to reflect U City colors and enhance pedestrian safety. Some utility lines along Olive would be buried. Traffic lanes would most likely remain as they are now.

In addition, this grant would fund signs and lane marking for a 10 mile series of bike routes through all parts of U City. A bike corridor connecting to Metrolink stations and the Katy trail is possible (Olivette has funding for a bike route along Olive and Creve Coeur has applied for a similar grant).

Following is a sample letter of support addressed to Evelyn Shields. She will forward them to the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council. They are holding an open hearing in mid-December (date unknown at present, but call 862-6767 for up to date info). This is one of the most exciting things to happen along Olive in years. We passed the first hurdle, but we don't have the money yet. That's why neighborhood support is so important. If you agree with the ideas in this grant proposal, please express your support. Either reproduce, sign and mail the sample letter to Evelyn Shields or express your own ideas of support in a letter to her. Questions? Call Ted Slegesky at 721-3872.

Ms. Evelyn Shields
Public Works Director
City of University City
6801 Delmar
University City, MO 63130

Dear Ms. Shields:

This letter is in support of University City's application for a TEA-21 grant for transportation enhancements along Olive Blvd. These enhancements would beautify and esthetically unify a disparate stretch of suburban arterial road.

The addition of sidewalks where there are none now would make the area safer for pedestrians visiting businesses along Olive Blvd. Planned improvements in lighting and street improvements would encourage business development. Burial of some utility wires and landscaping improvements would significantly improve the quality of life in neighborhoods along Olive Blvd.

People in the northern part of University City have been waiting patiently for a unified Olive Blvd; this grant would be a major step in enhancing the quality of our neighborhoods.

Also included in the grant proposal is money for development of bike routes throughout University City. These routes would encourage alternative means of transportation, and could be linked to Metrolink stations.

This grant proposal should be funded because it will significantly improve Olive Blvd., the major commercial road in University City and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Address:

(Information thanks to Ted Slegesky, via Richard Keeling and Shari J. Lekane-Yentumi)

FENCETALK

There will be no January edition of FenceTalk. If you have any articles, ads or other information for the February Fencetalk, please get the information to Janet Schaper no later than January 25th. Contact her at 6974 Dartmouth, 726-5352, or janetschaper@planetstl.com. Written information is always preferable to ensure accuracy of information to be reported.

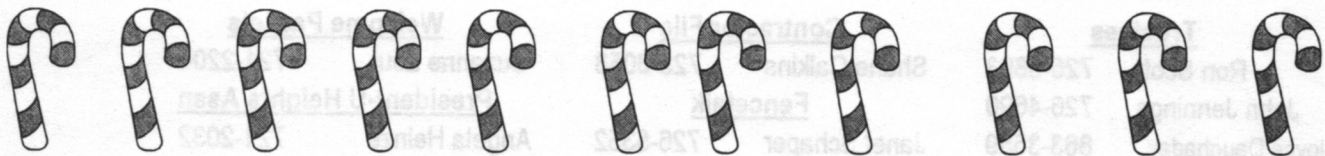
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The U. City East Housing and Diversity Committee will host a holiday open house from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on December 15th at Plowsharing Crafts, 6271 Delmar Blvd. A portion of the total sales during the open house will be donated to the Home Improvement Fund. Plowsharing is a not-for-profit, volunteer-operated program that provides income to Third World artisans. The shop offers handicrafts that reflect and reinforce rich cultural traditions. The mission of the UCE Housing and Diversity Committee is to assist residents with maintaining and improving their environments and to recruit and retain a diverse racial, ethnic and socioeconomic population.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



If you have not yet signed the petition the Trustees are circulating to allow for an increase in our yearly assessment, please contact one of the Trustees to sign. This increase is needed so we can maintain our subdivision as it needs to be.

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The decorative lamp posts from our intersections should be repaired and replaced soon!

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FENCE TALK CLASSIFIEDS

BABY SITTERS

Austin Pheiffer 725-7067
Jenny Phillips 725-4567
Cayla Damick 863-7106
Andrea Johnson 726-5452
Lauren Taylor 863-2020
Matthew Daughaday 863-3008
Cassie Phillips 725-4567
Chundra Cathcart 862-2644
Evan Pheiffer 725-7067
Emily Patterson 862-5293
Alison Damick 863-7106
Anne Johnston 726-5997
Ben Scrivner 721-0921
Allison Scott 725-0893
Brandon Bloom-Ellis 727-1362

TREE TRIMMING

Chris Galarnyk 863-6288

PET SITTERS

Ryan Patterson 862-5293
Cayla Damick 863-7106
Allison Scott 725-0893
Jenny Phillips 725-4567
Evan Pheiffer 725-7067
Bradley Land 725-0785
Ben Scrivner 721-0921
Anna Pheiffer 725-7067
Chundra Cathcart 862-2644
Brandon Bloom-Ellis 727-1362

Austin Pheiffer 725-7067

Dylan Hinshaw 721-8231

ESTATE SALES

Ruth Cobb 863-2144

MOTHER'S HELPER

Anna Pheiffer 725-7067

Wesley Johnson 726-5452

Dylan Hinshaw 721-8231

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Justin Vail 727-9149
Evan Pheiffer 725-7067
Evan Johnston 726-5997
Bradley Land 725-0785
Drew Bloom-Ellis 727-1362
Austin Pheiffer 725-7067

HOUSE SITTING

Mary Jo Maroney 727-8554
Cassie Phillips 725-4567

WRITING/PUBLISHING

Myra Vandersall 725-1059

PAINTING

Patrick Beckman 862-0383

WATER PURIFIERS

Michael Williams 726-5644

CLEANING

Maria Beckman 832-4578

ART INSTRUCTION

Alaine Peaslee-Hinshaw 721-8231

FENCE TALK UNCLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE Bid Doll/Barbie house. 18" wide 50" tall, 48" long--on Wheels, with 7 rooms \$40. Also lots of Barbies, furniture and accessories. Call Dylan at 721-8231.

FOR SALE Bunny cage w/ food bowl, water bottle, litter box. Debbi Schwarz at 725-1677.

INTERPRETER WANTED by philatelist (stamp collector) - French, Arabic & Portugese. "pay U.S. Mint Postage" Also, fellow philatelists. Foreign issues only. Call before 11am daily. S. Stein 862-1857.

FOR SALE Top Soil from Hartke's Nursery @ half-price we paid--\$15 for over a cubic yard or \$5 for large wheelbarrow. Come & get it before winter. Call 862-1957.

FOR SALE Firewood & Mulch, Dean Blechle, Rt. 4 Box 443A, Perryville, MO 63775, 573-547-2217. His services come highly recommended by Debbie Schwarz on Princeton

FOR SALE 1990 Acura Integra 143,000 miles, red, sunroof, \$3300. Call Angela 721-2032.

FOR RENT Garage/Storage Space for rent. Ideal for boats (18'x10') \$25/month Dave Gardin 721-6476.

HEALTH CARE Chiropractic and Alternative Health Care, Dr. John Thomas 721-8829

ART FOR SALE Selection varies: painted beads, necklaces, candleholders, etc,etc,etc
By Rebecca Pace. Studio at 777 Yale. 721-1350.

PERSONAL TRAINER Interested in getting/staying in shape? Call Tambra Galarnyk, certified personal trainer. She would like to organize and lead a morning walk/workout in the neighborhood. 863-6288.

DRESSMAKER Custom Dressmaking, Fine Alterations, Home Furnishings, Bridal. Sara Kahn Shapiro 862-7976

Trustees

Ron Scott 725-0893
John Jennings 726-4690
Joyce Daughaday 863-3559

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Welcome Packets

Suzanne Loui 721-2204

President-U Heights Assn

Angela Heinze 721-2032