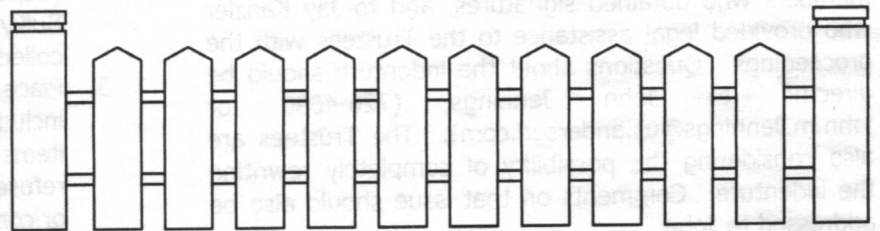


FENCE TALK

DECEMBER, 2001



Greetings Neighbors-

The big news in the subdivision is the amendment of our indenture and subsequent increase in our assessments. I am happy to pay the additional amount, and hope the money is put to good use! The potholes are already repaired—it's a much smoother ride down Yale these days. There is some talk of adopting an entirely new indenture and eliminating the dated and unwieldy provisions of our current indenture. That would be a project!

My favorite neighborhood event is the Luminaria, scheduled for December 16th. I'm hoping to see lots of lights this year—we have every reason to believe the weather will cooperate. Marcia LaCour-Little is leading the way hosting a neighborhood cocktail party. Maybe in future years more of us could follow suit--we could adapt some kind of signal to indicate if we were 'open' for visitors.

Another of our talented neighbors, Lee Ann Sandweis has published another book—this one is for children. I bought copies for my nieces and nephews, and they are delighted!

Best wishes for a very good holiday season to all of you.

Janet Schaper, editor

The LaCour-Littles invite the neighborhood for cocktails, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and GUMBO on Luminaria night (Dec. 16). Work-in-progress tours of the garage, too! (No, we don't know the completion date, and "this year" no longer seems accurate)

Time: oh, whenever – 6pm till 9pm or so. Questions? 863-8603 mjlacour@swbell.net.

22 Princeton @ Trinity

LUMINARIA CELEBRATION

The 19th annual University Heights Luminaria Celebration will be held Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 pm. 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 University Heights Association on Saturday and Sunday at the Trustee's garage on Harvard at Dartmouth.

Sets of 5 will be sold for \$3;

5 sets of 5 will be sold for \$9.

Sale Hours: SAT 10am to 4pm; SUN noon to 4pm

Lighting time is 6pm

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.

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 12 hours and burn out in the sand.

**RAIN DATE FOR LUMINARIA IS
DECEMBER 31**

TRUSTEES REPORT

At long last, the necessary signatures were obtained to amend our indenture. The Trustees had a hearing in the St. Louis County Circuit Court on November 5th, with the result that the Trust Indenture was amended to allow assessments of up to \$3/front foot and to strike the requirement that the Court approve amendments to the indenture. Thanks to the many residents and board members who obtained signatures, and to Jay Kanzler who provided legal assistance to the Trustees with the proceedings. Questions about the indenture should be directed to John Jennings (726-4690 or john.m.Jennings@us.andersen.com). The Trustees are also considering the possibility of completely rewriting the indenture. Comments on that issue should also be addressed to John.

The Trustees immediately increased the assessment to the allowable \$3/front foot. The increase will allow the Trustees to engage many projects of repair that they were previously unable to perform due to lack of funds. The first results of this are the repairs to the potholes (happy days!) and the trimming of trees in the tree lawns.

You should have received a statement from the Trustees for your current assessment, along with a statement of all transactions from the previous twelve months. Questions pertaining to repairs assessments and expenditures should be addressed to Ron Scott (725-0893).

BOARD REPORT

The Board discussed the neighborhood Halloween festivities. Barriers were not put up as they were not made available by City Hall this year. Next year the Board will try again to have barriers. Neighbors reported lots of trick-or-treaters. Many houses were decorated and received awards from the Great Pumpkin.

The Board also discussed the upcoming Luminaria. Hopes are that many neighbors will again participate and put on a great neighborhood 'show'.

The Board is considering adopting some new activities: A neighborhood House Tour, perhaps in conjunction with upcoming City centennial activities (Zareena Koch is in charge); some show of neighborliness and appreciation to the police, fire and city departments (maybe homemade cookies, maybe a pizza night); and signs or some type of commemoration when houses in the neighborhood turn 100 years old.

The next board meeting is January 8th at Linda Strassburger's (#4 Princeton).

BIG TRASH DAY

University City's bulky item collection will be **Thursday, December 20**. Here are the rules:

1. Place no more than three large items or seven small bulky items within one to three feet of curb or street pavement for collection.
2. Put items out after 4pm on the evening before (September 15) and before 6:30 am on the 16th. Bulky items placed out at any other time will not be collected.
3. Place only household items out for collection, 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, chemicals.
4. Be sure that access to the items is not blocked by parked cars, trees or poles.
5. Wrap glass doors, windows, mirrors and glass tables with cardboard for mechanical pickup. Remove freon from refrigerators and air conditioners.

For more information, call 863-3208 ext 302

The next Big Trash Day is March 21, 2002.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

City crews will pick up Christmas Trees from the curb sometime during the weeks of January 7 and 14.

U CITY LIONS FEATURED IN CHILDREN'S BOOK

As we all know, St. Louis is a city rich in architectural treasures. Many of our own children love the "hands-on" experience of sitting on the lions in front of U. City City Hall, which are featured in "St. Louis Architecture for Kids" by Lee Ann Sandweiss. Lee, who lives on Trinity, wrote this clever alphabet book in rhyme, with each letter of the alphabet corresponding to a St. Louis landmark. A is for Arch, B is for Busch Stadium, C for CITY Museum...you get the idea! The book has received lots of media attention--in the Post-Dispatch and on several local radio and television stations. With colorful illustrations by St. Louis photographer Gen Obata and Kansas City illustrator Phyllis Harris, this book is perfect for toddlers through late elementary students, as well as caregivers, teachers, grandparents, and out-of-town relatives who want to savor their St. Louis experience. The book was published by the Missouri Historical Society, where Lee is director of publications, and sells for \$15.95. It is available at most local book stores.

THERE ARE NO MORE CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUPS UNTIL SPRING OF 2002 (MARCH 25-29)

In the meantime, please bag your leaves for curbside pickup (don't forget to put on the sticker required by the city). Please **DO NOT** rake leaves into the street! They are unsightly and cause drainage problems.

Following is a letter found with the Trustees' Archives, written by E.G. Lewis to Conrad Budke in March of 1920. Seems he was a bit upset about a suit involving his buildings. Could it be we almost lost those beautiful lions? Know any details, have any theories? I'd be interested in hearing about them. janetschaper@planetstl.com

OFFICE OF
E. G. LEWIS
ATASCADERO
CALIFORNIA

March 15th 1920

Mr Conrad Budke
University City Mo
Dear Bułke

Enclosed is the petition re the restrictions, signed by Mrs Lewis myself, the Regenta Corporation and the Womans National P&b Co as requested.

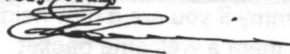
I have just received word that the court has granted a rehearing on the injunction suite in connection with the use of the buildings.

I have delayed taking any action on the buildings pending this although this contemptable suit has already cost me easy twenty thousand dollars in rentals. It is a very certain proposition that if this suit goes against us again, I shall take down all the ornimantal work of the buildings, the entrance gates, the lions, and everything that can be salvaged and used out here and leave the ruins with an appropriate sign on them as a memorial to those who will have destroyed their usefulness and value. There would be nothing else to do with them, and as the shells are armoured concrete, it would cost more to clear the ruins away than the land would be worth in building lots.

Some of these days you will wander out here, and you will then wonder how you staid away so long. Many St Louisans drop in here from week to week, recent visitors being Nathan Frank, Martin Collans Henry Ittleson, Clarence Howard Judge Franklin Ferris etc etc.

We are enjoying the fresh vegetables anf flowers and the orchards are in blossom. Freeze up, old top, some time you will get tired of it.

Yours very truly



Our regards to Mrs Budke

Don't forget about the paper recycling bin at Delmar-Harvard school. You can recycle Magazines, Junk Mail, Cardboard, Most Paper items. Proceeds go to support Delmar-Harvard School.

CALENDAR

- December 16 University Heights Luminaria
- December 20 Bulky Item Pickup in University Heights
- December 31 Rain Date for Luminaria
- January 8 January Board Meeting at Strassburger's #4 Princeton
- February 12 February Board Meeting at Jennings' 789 Yale
- March 12 March Board Meeting at Blueberry Hill
- April TBD Annual Meeting at U City Library

FENCE TALK CLASSIFIEDS

BABY SITTERS

BrandonBloom-Ellis 727-1362
 ChundraCathcart 862-2644
 CaylaDamick 863-7106
 AlisonDamick 863-7106
 MatthewDaughaday 863-3008
 AndreaJohnson 726-5452
 AnneJohnston 726-5997
 AustinPheiffer 725-7067
 EvanPheiffer 725-7067
 JennyPhillips 725-4567
 SarahSchwartz 725-1677
 RachelSchwartz 725-1677
 BenScrivner 721-0921
 AllisonScott 725-0893
 LaurenTaylor 863-2020

TREE TRIMMING

Chris Galarnyk 863-6288

ART INSTRUCTION

Alaine Peaslee-Hinshaw 721-8231

PET SITTERS

BrandonBloom-Ellis 727-1362
 ChundraCathcart 762-2644
 CaylaDamick 863-7106
 DylanHinshaw 721-8231
 BradleyLand 725-0785
 EvanPheiffer 725-7067
 AnnaPheiffer 725-7067
 AustinPheiffer 725-7067
 JennyPhillips 725-4567
 AlisonScott 725-0893
 BenScrivner 721-0921
 MarthaYentumi 726-5348
 ArthurYentumi 726-5348

ESTATE SALES

Ruth Cobb 863-2144

WATER PURIFIERS

Michael Williams 726-5644

CLEANING

Maria Beckman 832-4578

LAWN MOWING

Drew Bloom-Ellis 727-1362
 Evan Johnston 726-5997
 Bradley Land 725-0786
 Austin Pheiffer 725-7067
 Evan Pheiffer 725-7067
 Justin Vail 727-9149
 Arthur Yentumi 726-5348

HOUSE SITTING

Mary Jo Maroney 727-8554
 Cassie Phillips 725-4567

MOTHER'S HELPERS

AnnaPheiffer 725-7067
 Wesley Johnson 726-5452
 DylanHinshaw 721-8231
 MarthaYentumi 726-5348

WRITING/PUBLISHING

Myra Vandersall 725-1059

PAINTING

Patrick Beckman 862-0383

FENCE TALK UNCLASSIFIEDS

DRESSMAKER

Custom Dressmaking, Fine Alternations, Home furnishings, Bridal
 Call Sara Kahn Shapiro 862-7976. References available.

FOR RENT

Garage/Storage Space for rent. Ideal for boats (18'x10') Located in
 South St. Louis. Call Dave Gardin 721-6476.

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

Call Maria for Home Electrical Repairs and other Home Repairs at 862-1797.

HAND MADE GIFT ITEMS

Hand painted gifts and personal items for the holidays. Call Rebecca Pace at
 721-1350. Inventory changes daily!

MISC HELP WANTED

Occasional part-time light housekeeping, sewing on buttons, occasional outdoor
 work Call Jane at 721-0153.

WANTED

Air compressor or other woodworking tools. Call David at 721-2032.

WANTED

Old or used bricks. Call Candace Trotter 618-632-4443.

HEALTH CARE

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

SUBDIVISION TRUSTEES

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

Call Trustees For:

Tree Trimming, Street, Sidewalk and other Subdivision Mtce Issues
 Yearly Assessments, Subdivision Indenture questions.
 Ornamental (in street) light post problems

WELCOME PACKETS

Tammy Jennings 726-4690

Call Tammy if you are a new neighbor or know a new neighbor
 to get them a welcome packet

PRESIDENT U HEIGHTS ASSN

Tim Cross 862-0828

Call Tim or another board member about Subidivision activities (picnic,
 yard sale, luminaria, annual meeting)

TRUSTEE LIAISON

Linda Strassburger 721-6476

Linda takes suggestions and issues from the U Heights Board meetings
 to the Trustees.

CONTRACTOR FILE

Shane Calkins 725-3058

Call Shane to get names of contractors who have done work for other
 neighbors, or to add names to list of contractors you have used

FENCE TALK

Janet Schaper 726-5352

Call Janet with articles for FenceTalk, new neighbor info, and classified
 and unclassified ads (janetschaper@planetstl.com)

AMERENUE

342-1000

Call about power outages and burned out bulbs on light poles in tree lawns
 (Get the number on the pole before calling!)

CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY

862-6767 or 725-2211

Call about trash pickup, recycling, big trash day, traffic and parking,
 zoning, occupancy permits

METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT

768-6200 Sewer service or problems

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

621-6960 Natural gas service or problems

MISSOURI AMERICAN WATER CO

991-0333 OR 991-3404 Water service or problems