



Welcome to 2023!

A Word from your Association Board

Happy New Year to all in University Heights! I know many of us will be glad that the page has turned and hope for a healthy and safe 2023 in our neighborhood and the University City community. We on the Neighborhood Association Board are really looking forward to a year where we can resume many of our traditional activities. We inched in that direction in 2022 with our Fall Picnic, but this year we hope to return to other in-person gatherings in addition to the picnic and luminaria: specifically, the Annual Meeting in February and the Progressive Dinner in December. So many of the events that are part of our DNA became relegated to zoom or shrunk by social distancing for several years. So, with that in mind, please come to our Annual Meeting – specifics are included in this Fence Talk- to hear from the Trustees and the Association Board and learn about our plans to better communicate with you about important issues and enhance the neighborhood spirit that drew many of us to University Heights to begin with.



University Heights #1 Annual Meeting Sunday, February 26, 2023 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**The Lewis Center
 725 Kingsland Avenue**

Agenda:

- Trustee Report
- Association Report
- Association 2023 plans
- Bob Criss: Professor Emeritus of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Washington University. “July 2022 Flash Flooding of University Heights”

*Everyone is invited!
 Come see the beautiful Lewis Center space, enjoy some light refreshments, and see your neighbors!
 Virtual options will also be provided*

Luminaria December 2023

While we were a bit chillier this year than last year, we had a great response to the luminaria sale, and it was wonderful to see the neighborhood lit up again with our paper bag candles. Many thanks to all on the Board who helped distribute and sell the light kits from the shed and to the neighbors who transformed our streets into a winter wonderland that evening. We had over 100 households participate. Thanks also to the DuBois family who donated their yard and corner to set up the hot cider and cookie tables, and to Pete Klarmann for procuring a massive amount of sand! So many residents expressed that this is their favorite event of the year, and we sincerely hope that next year we can combine with the progressive dinner and dessert gathering.

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Your Neighborhood Association Board Needs you!

The Neighborhood Association Board is comprised of approximately 12-15 volunteers with elected officers. Members are affirmed by the community, serve a three -year term and may serve two consecutive terms. Officers are elected by the board in the positions of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Directors of Membership and Fence Talk. Our mission is to create a sense of community within University Heights, by means of information and communication, beautification, and planning and managing neighborhood events. We are always looking for new members so that we ensure fresh voices will be heard and that we have plenty of help executing our events as we all have busy lives. You can also join as an “alternate” meaning you can be as involved as you wish and learn about the Board before becoming a voting member. Lastly, all neighbors are welcome at our scheduled meetings and encouraged to pitch in and help with initiatives and events.

The Board meets monthly on the first Tuesday of most months from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, sometimes on zoom, hopefully some months in person in 2023! Please talk to any Board member if you are interested in joining us or come speak with us at the Annual Meeting. The current Board is listed in this Fence Talk. I joined the Board my first year in this neighborhood (2016) as an alternate and it made a huge difference in getting to know my neighbors and being involved!

Thank you! Hope Horn

Current Association Board Members:

Hope Horn (Cornell)	President
Claudia Moran (Amherst)	Vice President
Peter Burgis (Radcliffe)	Treasurer
Vito Wagner (Yale)	Membership Chair
Anil Pillai (Dartmouth)	Trustee Liaison
Don Fitz (Dartmouth)	
Susan DuBois (Radcliffe)	
Tayebeth Hardy (Harvard)	
Tom Hardy (Harvard)	
Amanda Summer (Cornell)	
Mario Carlos (Yale)	Alternate

We Mourn the Passing of Mark Pope, Long - time resident on Yale

The University Heights community and the Association Board lost a wonderful friend at the end of January 2023. All who knew him will remember his bright wit and keen intellect, his devoted loyalty to his partner, Mario Carlos, and his friends.

Mark edited Fence Talk for the Board - transforming it into a truly professional newsletter, always bringing such enthusiasm and commitment to this rather daunting task.

Getting to know Mark while on the Board will be a highlight that we carry close to our heart.

The University Heights neighborhood Association Has set up a ***Task Force on Flooding***, led by Board member, Don Fitz, and is collaborating with the Washington University Environmental Law Clinic in 2023.
Come to Annual Meeting to hear more!

