

December, 1998



# Fence Talk

University Heights Association, Inc.

## U. HEIGHTS BOARD MEETING

November 10th's meeting served to button-up a few issues in the neighborhood. First, regarding the issue of the Princeton proposal. The Trustees have distributed a letter to the residents declining their proposal as submitted. For further clarification please refer to copy of letter attached to this issue.

Second, with the street work coming to a close, we would like to thank all the persons involved. Without everyone's help (and you know who you are) the potholes may have just swallowed our neighborhood up!!

The Trustees also had a few issues to update the progress on. Starting the week of Nov. 17th the street contractor and AmerenUE are working together to reconnect and relight the ornamental and tree lawn lights. Droege Tree Service is also finishing their work in the neighborhood, please call one of the Trustees if you have a tree or tree limb of concern in the tree lawn.



If you are planning to build a fence or structurally change your home or property, you must first have your plans approved by 2 Trustees. This means you must allow time for them to coordinate doing this for you. So please allow time in your preplanning for this otherwise if you fail to have trustee approval and a permit filed with the city; they can remove it and you pay for it.

## STREET TALK (STILL!)

At this point, the streets are pretty much done. The trustees are busily inspecting every square inch to make sure that things are done to everyone's satisfaction. So, now is the time to speak up. If there is something you are concerned about, i.e. problems with ponding, gutters, or driveway aprons, you need to make 2 phone calls in order to get things fixed. First, call one of the Trustees. Although they are not in control, they need to know what we are thinking so that they can negotiate with the city. Then, call Paul Hayes, the project manager. He is the person responsible for releasing the payment to the contractors and he needs to know if you are not satisfied with the job that the contractors did. Please speak up and be heard, your opinion matters more than

you know!

*Project Manager:*

Paul Hayes - 862-6767, ext. 268

*Trustees:*

Ron Scott - 725-0893

Kathy Sorkin - 725-2953

Jay Kanzler - 863-3712

## WHO DOES WHAT AROUND HERE?

There seems to be continuing confusion about the roles of the board, the trustees and the City of University City when it comes to running this neighborhood. So, we will try to clear that up for everyone. The University Heights Association Board is, essentially, the neighborhood social committee. While we do actively try to keep the interest of the neighborhood in the forefront of our minds, we are responsible for the social things only. That is, the picnic, the luminaria, Fence Talk and other niceties. The trustees are responsible for the technical running of the neighborhood. They take care of the lights, the assessments, the sidewalks, the tree lawns - all the concrete stuff. Please call them with questions concerning the physical well being of The Heights. As for the streets - they are now in the hands of University City. If you have concerns about the streets, call Paul Hayes, the project manager.

.....and **THE GREAT PUMPKIN SPEAKS**.....

Thanks to everyone whose Halloween spirit oozed eerily into the streets making this, as always, a fabulous Halloween neighborhood. I walked the streets all night looking for the best carved pumpkins, (an homage to me that I just can't get enough of,) and the houses with the best overall spirit. And now, the moment of truth, I will tell you the winners of my annual contest:

**OVERALL HALLOWEEN SPIRIT and PRESENTATION:**

There is an undisputed and untouchable winner. The family at 6936 Columbia has done us all proud. With creepy lighting and macabre music, Dracula answered the door accompanied by his fire haired wife who demanded a trick from everyone before handing out the treats. Well Done!

At 753 Harvard, spiders climbed up and down doors and singing ghosts hung from the eaves. Add to this, beautifully carved pumpkins and this was a great house to visit!

**GREAT PUMPKINS:**

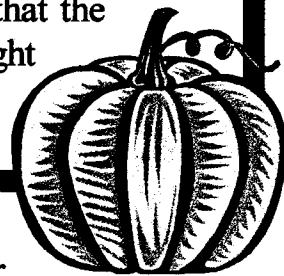
We have an upset this year! I am pleased to announce the pumpkin carving winner this year is the family at 748 Yale. With the front steps filled to overflowing with beautifully carved and lit pumpkins, this glowing display was one to be reckoned with!

As always, the gang at 6936 Cornell had a beautiful display of intricate carvings, including one apparently done by Zoro, a great idol of mine!

**AND A SPECIAL AWARD** goes to the Christman family on Yale for their Big Boy and friends and their delicious eyeball sandwich (a delicacy that most humans don't understand.)

Thanks to everyone, I look forward to visiting next year, and sincerely hope that the folks on Radcliffe get it together, there was nothing in my honor there..... I might have to play some tricks on you next year!

-The Great Pumpkin



**OTHER HALLOWEEN THOUGHTS**

We had the usual flow of kids and families through the neighborhood this year. As a board, we try to make Halloween a safe and happy evening for everyone and want to thank all of you who helped. The flow of people through the neighborhood slowed to a drizzle after 8:00 when we all turned our porch lights out. Thank you for following the board's lead on that issue. The board did arrange for blockades to be put up at the entrances to the neighborhood which slowed, but didn't stop, cars from coming in. Our apologies to the neighborhood that the blockade at the Trinity entrance kept getting moved, we have talked to the people responsible and they understand that their actions were inappropriate. If you have ideas for handling Halloween next year, please tell a board member and we will continue to do everything we can to make it a great night for everyone in The Heights.



**NEW NEIGHBORS**

Let's all give a warm welcome to our new comers:

Sara Winkelman & Hyim Shafner - 6900 Amherst,

Robert Molitor & Orlando Topia - 6919 Amherst, Lisa Van Amburg - 739 Harvard, Alfonso & Michelle Giganti - 752 Radcliffe.

**Neighborhood Upkeep**

The Trustees have signed a contract with one of our neighbors, C. Roman Co., 810 Yale to remove limbs of all common areas, gutter grate cleaning and snow plowing all streets and common walks.

**1999 Board**

The board is already thinking about next year and hope you are too. There will be 9 positions open on the board; 5 - 3yr positions, 2 - 1yr positions and 2 - alternate positions. If you or someone you know would like to be involved, please call Paula O'Keefe or let another board member know.

**WE WANT TO KNOW**

We are always looking for news in the neighborhood about our outstanding residents. Please give us a call or drop us a line in the mailbox if you know something we don't. Paula O'Keefe, 6919 Columbia, 862-6296 or Alyssa Royse, 752 Trinity, 862-4940. We'd love to hear from you. . .

**DONATIONS FOR THE CAIN FAMILY**

If you would like to make a kind donation to Mr. Cain's family, please send to Judy Behrenstein, 1338 Willingham, St. Louis, MO 63121.

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS IN U. HEIGHTS**

There has been much discussion of late about the traffic and parking problems in the Heights. We all probably have opinions one way or another, and those of you who want your opinions heard have a new forum. We are forming a sub-committee on traffic and parking. This committee is being formed to come up with solutions which will then be presented to the trustees and to the neighborhood. If you are interested in participating with this committee, please call Paula O'Keefe (862-6296) to find out about meeting times and places.

For those of you who have concerns, but are not willing or able to participate in the sub-committee, please voice your concerns with the Trustees (see page 1 for phone numbers.) Although the board is always interested in knowing your concerns, the board has nothing to do with deciding how to remedy the situation. That responsibility, and it is a huge one, is with the Trustees. As always, they want to know how you are feeling so that they can look out for all of our best interest.



"The more you speak of yourself the more you are likely to lie."

*Johann Zimmerman  
18th Century Physicist*

**LUMINARIA**

It is once again time for the luminaria. You can buy the candles, bags and sand the weekend of December 19 - 20, at the shed at the end of Harvard. Pricing is as follows:

- 1 Bag of 5 - \$1.75
- 5 Bags of 5 - \$7.00

This year if you would like to adopt an ornamental light to decorate with lights, just let a board member know when you go to buy your own bags and they will supply you with extra bags.

Board members will be selling all the supplies on Saturday from 10-4 and Sunday from 12-4. Please put your candles out at dusk on Sunday the 20th. If it is raining at dusk then DO NOT PUT OUT YOUR CANDLES. We will go with the rain date, New Years Eve, December 31st, if it is raining at dusk.

## FENCE TALK CLASSIFIEDS

### BABY SITTERS:

Lisa Price 863-6237  
Terec Wilson 721-8157  
Jenny Phillips 725-4567  
Bradley Land 725-0785  
Cayla Damick 863-7106

Andrea Johnson 726-5452  
Lauren Taylor 863-2020  
Matthew Daughaday 863-3008  
Cassie Phillips 725-4567  
Evan Pheiffer 725-7067

Emily Patterson 862-5293  
Alison Damick 863-7106  
Ben Scrivner 721-0921  
Allison Scott 725-0893

### 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

### LAWN MOWING:

Justin Vail 727 9149

Evan Pheiffer 725-7067  
Bradley Land 725-0785

Drew Bloom-Ellis 727-1362

## FENCE TALK UNCLASSIFIEDS

**WANTED:** Anyone who is trying to get rid of or sell used darkroom equipment or photography supplies, please call John Vandersall at 725-1059, or Matthew Daughaday at 863-3559.

**ODD JOBS WANTED:** Strong reliable teenager willing to do odd jobs such as: mowing lawns, yard work, painting, pet sitting etc. Payment is negotiable. Please call Drew Bloom-Ellis at 727-8231.

**INTERPRETER WANTED:** by philatelist (stamp collector) - French, Arabic and Portuguese. "pay U.S. mint postage." Also, fellow philatelists. Foreign issues only. Call before 11:00 a.m. daily. S. Stein 862-1857

**CLEANING:** Best maids for thorough cleaning in your home. Call Maria Beckman, 832-4578, 6949 Cornell.

**LAWN MOWING AND YARD WORK:** Hire me, a responsible, hard working teenager to mow your lawn, rake your leaves, and help clean up your lawn this fall. Call Evan Johnson at 726-5997.

**ART INSTRUCTION:** Alaine Peaslee-Hinshaw offers one-on-one and group art instruction in her home studio at 6912 Amherst. Learn to paint, pot, print, sculpt, make paper or create stained glass. Call 721-8231.

**FOR SALE:** Zenith Color TV, beautiful cabinet. Perfect condition. Make offer 727-6178.

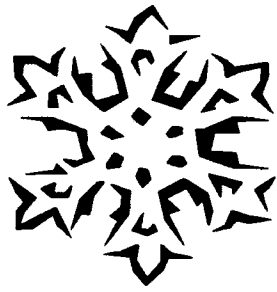
**FOR SALE:** Large rectangular glass topped dining table. Dark green metal supports. Almost new. Will trade for a smaller table. Call 863-2407.

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

**FOR SALE:** Foam encased tube-type waterbed - \$100. Good Condition. Call 726-5737 - evenings - leave message.

**FOR SALE:** Office chair, black, fabric, high back, adjustable back and arms, like new, \$150. Call 726-5737 - evenings- leave message.

**FOR SALE:** 1992 Sundance for Sale, manual transmission, sunroof, Blaupunkt cassette stereo, 102,000 miles but engine is in superb condition, needs some work on muffler, minor work on body, \$1,150 ( this is substantially less than consumer Reports est. value), phone 863-2407.



# December

1998

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5 <b>Loop Holiday Walk</b>
6	7 <b>City Council Meeting 7:30pm</b>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <b>Hanukkah</b>	15	16	17	18	19 <b>Luminaria Sale 10-4</b>
20 <b>Luminaria Sale 12-4  Luminaria At Dusk</b>	21 <b>City Council Meeting 7:30pm</b>	22	23	24	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26
27	28	29	30	31 <b>Luminaria Rain Date</b>		

**NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

*Editors:* Paula O'Keefe, 862-6296      Alyssa Royse, 862-4940  
*Block Homes:* Marilyn Cathcart, 862-6244  
*Contractor File:* Shane Calkins, 725-3058  
*Trustees:* Ron Scott, 725-0893  
                  Jay Kanzler, 863-3712  
                  Kathy Sorkin, 725-2953  
*Police (non-emergency):* 725-2211    *Public Library:* 727-3150  
*City Hall:* 862-6767



MISS MARPLE, STREET WARDEN (by Naomi Labowitz) HOPES  
DISGUISE ON  
NO ONE RECOGNIZED HER  
HALLOWEEN!!

**Board of Trustees  
University Heights Subdivision No.1  
University City, MO 63130**

October 21, 1998

Barbara Pickard  
20 Princeton  
University City, MO 63130

Dear Ms. Pickard:

The board of trustees wishes to thank you and the other residents of Princeton for sharing your proposal with other neighbors at the public meeting on October 15, 1998. Your presentation was very informative and prompted helpful discussion among those in attendance. One fact was made abundantly clear during the meeting — that the parking and traffic problems are a major issue for the entire neighborhood. The problems being experienced on Princeton are shared also by your neighbors on Trinity, Harvard, Yale and other streets.

In order to examine this issue more closely, we intend to meet with the University Heights Neighborhood Association during its November meeting to receive further input about the problems and potential solutions. We encourage you and the other residents of Princeton to attend. It is our intention to form a group of concerned neighbors who will study the problems on a neighborhood basis, and propose solutions that will both address the needs of the neighborhood and maintain the beauty of University Heights.

Therefore, the members of the board of trustees have decided that it is in the best interest of the neighborhood to postpone taking any action on the proposal to erect a planter/barricade on Princeton. We are not making any determination as to the merits of your proposal at this time; however, we want to continue to explore additional options suggested by others in the neighborhood along with your plan. In the end, the overall approach to the problem may include, in whole or in part, your proposal. But, further consideration is necessary before a decision can be made.

In the interim, the board of trustees intends to reinstall a chain across Princeton, along with white saw horse-style barricades, similar to those found in University Hills. The chain will be new, and the barricades will alleviate some of the difficulties with the chain-only approach. This will restore the situation to its status before street paving, and should help reduce the parking and traffic problems you have been experiencing during construction while the chain was removed.

Again, thank you for your proposal and participation in the public meeting. Any of the trustees will be happy to discuss this with you further.

Ron Scott

Jay Kanzler Jr.

Kathy Sorkin

cc: Alicia Collins, University Heights Neighborhood Association  
Paula O'Keefe, Trustee Intern