



FENCE TALK

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Neighbors,

As some of you are already aware, the University Heights Association, Inc. is in a bit of a pickle. Our organization is facing a potential crisis regarding the vacant lot on the corner of Radcliffe and Columbia. What many do not realize is that it is our neighborhood association, not the trustees of the subdivision, who own it. In fact, we have owned it since 1976 without encountering any trouble. But the situation changed dramatically in 2001 when St. Louis County reassessed the lot and its appraised value changed from ~\$12,000 to ~\$80,000. With the new value, the property taxes jumped from ~\$200 to ~\$1,200 in 2001 and 2002, and to ~2,200 in 2003. Our organization could never afford such a tax. Once we discovered the rate change, we voted to apply for an exemption from property tax on the lot based on the fact that we are a not-for-profit organization. Janet Schaper took the time to compile the information necessary and submitted the appeal. It took nearly a full year to reach the hearing phase of the process. In late September of this year, a small group of members appeared before the County Board to plead our case. Unfortunately, it was rejected. We are now in the process of appealing their decision. At the last board meeting we all agreed to try to find a lawyer with an expertise in such matters. Thankfully Judy Baernstein found just such a lawyer who we hired to draft the appeal letter. His idea was to argue that the lot serves as common ground to all in the subdivision and thus we all pay its tax each time we pay our property taxes on our own lots.

It should take a few months to hear their decision. If it succeeds, we can return to spending our time planning events and enjoying neighborly hospitality. If it fails, we will face some very difficult decisions in the next year.

As of October, the Association's bank account held ~\$3,000. Research online reveals the assessment for the lot to increase again for our 2003 taxes. We have not paid the taxes for 2001 or 2002 pending the appeal. Quick math makes clear that we cannot meet these debts. If we are to maintain the lot as a "common ground" we will need to take fundraising to a whole new level. Each member of the University Heights Association will need to seriously consider whether owning the lot is essential to our existence and if so determine a way to make it feasible and not a burden. If you have a particular opinion you'd like to express on the topic, please submit it to universityheights@sbcglobal.net. If you have an elegant solution, we'd like that even better! In the meantime, we will try to pass on information to you as it comes in.

Sincerely,

(a cross-fingered) Theresa Biggs, President, UHA, Inc.



WANT TO KNOW ABOUT OUR CITY COUNCIL?

The Council is the legislative and governing body of the City of University City. The City Council enacts legislation to protect the health, morals and general welfare of the citizens of the City. The Council appoints both the City Manager and City Clerk. The City Council has seven members, one of whom serves as mayor. Each of the City's three wards has two representatives, who are elected to four-year terms. The Mayor, Joseph Adams, leads the city Council Meetings, which are generally held twice monthly on Mondays (check with City Hall for specific schedule). These meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for residents to voice their opinions or concerns.

University Heights is in Ward Two. Our council members are currently Shelley Welsch and Wayne Munkel. Shelley has made communication with residents a high priority and has an email newsletter available to everyone. Additionally, she emails a bulletin board of U. City events. If you are interested in being added to her distribution list, or would like to receive a paper copy, please contact Shelley @ 727-6852 or ward2@ucitymo.com. Furthermore, Wayne Munkel will not be running for reelection, so if anyone is interested, please contact City Hall.



LAMPOST REMINDER

There are two kinds of lampposts in the Heights. The ornamental posts with the planters in the middle of the streets are owned and maintained by the Trustees. If you notice one of these lights is out, please contact Ron Scott at 725-0893. The other lampposts in the tree lawns are maintained by AmerenUE. If you notice one of these burnt out, please contact AmerenUE at 342-1111



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Nov 17 | Leaf Collection |
| Nov 27 | Thanksgiving |
| Nov 28 | J. Davenport @ Bistro starts |
| Dec 18 | Big Trash Day |
| Dec 21 | LUMINARIA |
| Dec 28 | Luminaria Rain Date |
| Dec 31 | New Years Eve |
| Jan 13 | Board meeting - #4 Princeton |
| Feb 10 | Board meeting - 729 Harvard |
| Mar 9 | Board meeting - location TBA |
| Apr 13 | Annual Meeting - library |
| May 11 | Board meeting - 771 Radcliffe |



LEAF COLLECTION

U. City has three pick-ups scheduled for this fall. They partition the city in the three sections, East, Central and West. University Heights, being in the East, has the first collection. Unfortunately, there were not too many leaves on the ground for the first pick-up. If you remember, last year the same thing happened, and the City ended up adding one additional pick-up for the East to accommodate the late falling leaves. This issue was brought up to our councilwoman, Shelley Welsch, and her response was that when originally scheduled, a survey was done of the types trees that were in our area, and it was decided that those types dropped leaves early. They have concluded that they need to re-survey the trees to ensure that they are scheduling at the best times. This may result in only two pick-ups.

Our next, and last scheduled pick-up is November 17th. But remember, if you miss the pick-up, you can bag your leaves and you do **NOT** need a yard waste sticker in the months of November and December.



YARD WASTE STICKERS

Yard waste sticker vendors have increased. For the convenience of U. city residents, the Public Works Department has expanded the number of locations where yard waste stickers are sold.

Locations:

Walgreens	630 N. McKnight Road@ 170
Walgreens	7501 Olive Blvd.
Schnucks	6920 Olive Blvd.
Dale Hardware	1115 S. Big Bend
Beckman Garden Center	9141 Olive
Heman Park Rec. Center	7210 Olive
City Hall, 1 st Floor	6801 Delmar Blvd.

The stickers are available in packs of 5 for \$5.

Under the yard waste program, residents must place leaves, twigs, plants or small brush in 30-gallon biodegradable bags and each bag must have a yard waste sticker attached.

Stickers are NOT required in November and December.

The yard waste collected from residents is used in the city's composting program and is available at no extra cost to residents. For information, call 863-3208, ext. 315.



UCHS HALL OF FAME

Compiled from www.ucityschools.org

The University City High School Hall of Fame is a tribute to our graduates who have shown exceptional personal, community or professional achievements. UCHS and the School District of University City want to honor our outstanding alumni who serve as an inspiration to current and future UCHS students.

If the halls of University City High School (built in 1915) could talk, they would tell of the near century of history, tradition, and legends – legends of students who have gone on to achieve great things personally, professionally, or philanthropically. This year, thanks to the development of a Hall of Fame, the halls will talk, and today's students will listen to lessons taught by some of the school's highest achievers.

The impressive list of inductees includes a great American playwright,

business leaders, Pulitzer Prize winners, philanthropists, an Academy Award nominee, sports legends, musicians, advocates, activists, physicians, politicians, a Rhodes Scholar, music promoters, architects and builders, authors, journalists, a mountain climber, attorneys, a rabbi, educators, volunteers and organizers of volunteers, a television pioneer, artists, a newspaper publisher, and a U.S. Circuit Court judge.

This year, one of University Heights residents, Paul Schoomer, class of 1957 will be honored with this induction. Paul has been a long-time Princeton resident, Trustee, and former Councilman. Paul also was the Grand Marshal for the Homecoming Game on October 25th.

The 2003 inductees also include affordable housing advocate Charles Edson, class of 1952; hip-hop rapper Cornell "Nelly" Haynes, class of 1993; geneticist Dr. Ira Herskowitz (awarded posthumously), class of 1963; art ambassador Nancy Spirtas Krantzberg, class of 1962; baseball pitcher Robert Person, class of 1987; and tennis guru Mark Platt, class of 1973.



AND STARRING, FROM THE HEIGHTS...

Former Heights resident Jeremy Davenport, son of Roger and Diane Davenport of 784 Yale Ave. will be headlining at The Jazz at the Bistro Thanksgiving weekend. The performances are Fri. and Sat. evenings – two sets and 2 matinees on Sunday that are kid friendly so bring the kids. Jeremy is also the returning artist to the School District of University City that week, a project sponsored by the Arts and Letters Commission of University City who bring successful graduating artists back to the school district to inspire the kids. For more information contact Cheryl Thompson at 863-3208 x 385



SHOWTIMES

Fri, Nov 28	8:30pm & 10:15pm
Sat, Nov 29	8:30pm & 10:15pm
Sun, Nov. 30	4:00pm & 6:00pm

For tickets, call Metrotix at 534-1111,
or visit them on the web @

www.metrotix.com



DELMAR HARVARD NEWS

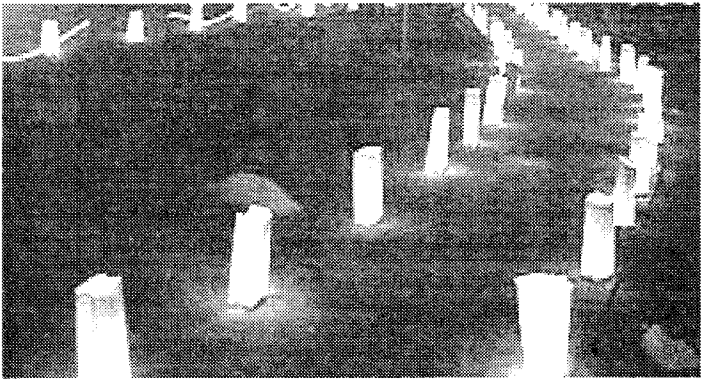
I CAN SAVE PROGRAM--The kindergarten and first-grade students at Delmar-Harvard Elementary School have been handed an incredible opportunity. At the start of the 2003-2004 school year, a four-year project entitled "I Can Save" was launched at the school. Through "I Can Save," a special college savings account is opened for the students. An initial deposit of \$500 is placed in the account, and any savings deposited into the account will be matched. At the end of four years, the child's total savings account will be deposited into a Missouri 529 plan. "I Can Save" is operated by Beyond Housing/Neighborhood Housing Services in partnership with Delmar-Harvard Elementary School, the University-Community Achievement Partnership, and Commerce Bank. To quote Dr. Gonzalez-Rubio, Principal at Delmar-Harvard; "With I Can Save, it will no longer be a question of IF my child will go to college, but WHERE my child will go to college!"

DELMAR-HARVARD T-SHIRTS-- Delmar-Harvard is selling t-shirts to celebrate their 90th Anniversary! The t-shirts are gold and feature the front of the Delmar Building. Youth t-shirts are \$8.00 and adult t-shirts are \$11.00. Please contact Ruth Berson at 725-0846 if you would like to order t-shirts.



LUMINARIA CELEBRATION

The 21st Annual University Heights Luminaria Celebration will be held **Sunday, December 21st at 6:00pm**. To welcome winter and brighten one of the longest nights of the year, we line our sidewalks with traditional Mexican luminaries and invite everyone to take a winter stroll and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood by candlelight. Our Luminaria consists of paper bags illuminated by candles. Sand is used to weight the bag and keep the candle in place. We place them 3'-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 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 you assistance.



LUMINARIA SUPPLY SALE (bags, sand and candles):

WHEN: Sat, Dec. 20 10am-4pm & Sun, Dec 21 12pm-4pm

WHERE: Vacant lot at Radcliffe and Columbia

WHAT: Sets of 10 will be sold for \$5; Sets of 25 for \$10

LUMINARIA LIGHTING

WHEN: Sunday, December 21st at 6:00pm (rain date 12/28)

Last year was such a success, and the neighborhood looked great! We encourage everyone to get their scarves and mittens and stroll with your family or friends.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY AND CAROLING

Jane Massey (Dartmouth) and Mary Edgerton (Yale) are sponsoring the first annual University Heights Progressive Dinner Party in conjunction with the Luminaria. . . Here's the scoop

They need the following:

- Up to 2-3 houses for cocktail parties
- Up to 4-6 houses for dinner
- One house for dessert
- Lots and Lots of hungry people who want to have a great night with their neighbors (and maybe even sing carols)

All this for a suggested \$10 donation per person (free if you host!) to the Neighborhood Association. Please contact Jane 726-1250 or Mary 725-3300 for more details. You do not have to host to attend!

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

AMHERST	6963 Martin	6975 Nichols	8 Schwarz	909 Gers
6910 Geller	CORNELL	DELMAR	14 Waltman and Kerwin	910 Nelson*
6912 Healy	6910 Hochwald	6955 Daniels	18 Taro	YALE
6915 Wilcox*	6911 Klarmann	HARVARD	22 LaCour-Little	600 Edgerton*
6919 Molitor and Tapia	6930 Mastin	714 Stewart & Yilmaz*	RADCLIFF	700 Grosklos
6925 Soda	6945 Figueras	726 Cross	702 deCharms	701 Wetmore
6928 Johnston and LaVesser*	6949 Rhoda	729 Tillsstrom	735 Michaelides*	719 Patton and Orr
6939 Mathews	6955 Lazaroff	730 Johnson and Grant	739 Renner	723 Pacey
6943 Best	6960 Rendleman	733 Wilson	746 Bailey	727 Daughaday
6954 Greene and Frantz	6975 Kish	736 Hardy	751 Diekneite & Krause	738 Szwabo
6955 Biggs*	6984 Harmon	738 Heyman & Stuvland	767 Blanchard	742 Erlanger*
6959 Mendel	6987 Glass*	739 Hyman	770 Lewis and Guest	743 Lebowitz
6963 Wykes*	DARTMOUTH	750 Riles	771 Cartwright	747 Schlafman
COLUMBIA	6909 Sheldon	756 Watson*	700 Frohlichstein	757 Bluhm*
6919 Glass*	6926 Heinze*	761 Berger	708 Easton	760 Corrao*
6933 Rao and Cathcart	6930 Rissman*	765 Kaltenthaler	714 Rowley	765 Smith*
6939 Bone	6931 McGinnis	PRINCETON	728 Diaz-Granodos	766 Clark and Meyer
6943 Poe	6935 Jackson	2 Skinner	740 Martin*	769 Ballard
6947 Sandler	6939 Lekane-Yentumi	3 Wolf	748 Goldman*	772 Graubert and Parks
6953 Bufkin	6941 Massey	4 Gardin and Strassburger	752 Winters	777 Strubinger
6954 Harwood*	6945 Maga	7 Schoomer	TRINITY	784 Davenport
6959 Johnson*	6960 Lee*		906 Donegan & Kern	788 Puterbaugh
	6970 Worden			793 Baernstein

Thank you to all these folks who paid their dues and to those who even contributed a bit extra (stars * are behind their names, as well as in their crowns). They have helped the neighborhood bring the picnic, parade, Fencetalk, the pretty flowers in the lampposts, the neighborhood yard sale, Halloween coordination, the Luminaria evening, and the directory to all of us. Won't you join us?

University Heights Contacts:

Trustees (for streets, lampposts, etc)

Ron Scott 6942 Amherst 725-0893
 Paul Schoomer #7 Princeton 862-8426
 Joyce Daughaday 727 Yale 863-3966

Fence Talk

Dan Martin 740 Trinity 721-2907

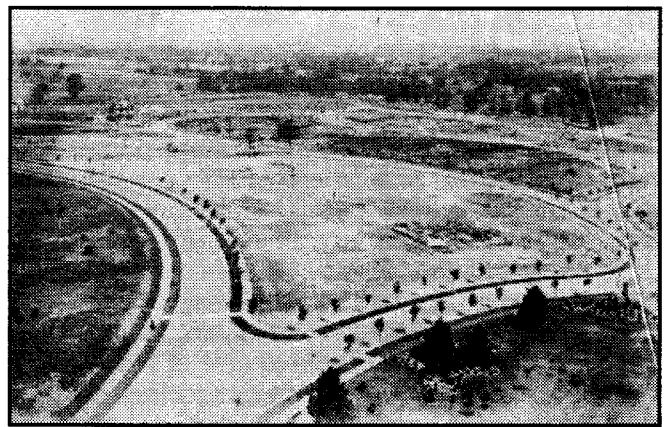
universityheights@sbcglobal.net Please submit all articles and classifieds in email or writing by the 7th of each month.

New Neighbor Welcome Packets

David Smith 765 Yale 725-4974

Neighborhood Association President

Theresa Biggs 6955 Amherst 727-8435



The corner of Princeton and Trinity, circa 1905, looking Northwest.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale

Sofa Sleeper - 50's style avocado green pleather. Very Heavy. \$50 Liberty Bishop 727-2325

1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse GS, burgundy with tan leather interior, appr. 86,000 miles, \$6500 o.b.o. Fawn at 862-7357

Chippendale Sofa (84") - \$150, Love seat (58") - \$100. Fabric-ivory with light blue & beige sparse floral design. Excellent condition. Matching wing chair might be available. Pauline Gers, 863-1473

Water Purifiers. Call Michael Williams 726-5644.

Panasonic Fax/Copier/phone w/ caller ID & answering machine \$50. *Xerox flatbed photocopier \$50. Theresa Biggs 727-8435

Wanted

Garage space to rent for motorcycle. Margaret Lawler 863-1499

Gas or electric scooter/moped. Dan 721-2907

A new job, maybe even a new career. Do you need an operationally strong leader for your company? Call Dan @ 721-2907

Tutoring

Former Ladue teacher available for tutoring evenings and weekends. Kerri Rendelman, 721-7293

Former private school teacher now writing/English tutor available anytime. Joy Gebhardt Beuc 721-2006

Chiropractic Health Care

John Thomas 721-8829

Catering

Affordable catering. Fabulous parties. Relax and enjoy your holiday party this season! Tre Sorelle Catering will take care of it and we're right in the neighborhood. Jessica Jackson or Karen Borchert, 725-8475

Design your own Purse

by BagDaddy. Lots of fabrics and styles to choose from! Great Gifts! Call Kerri Rendelman at 721-7293 for info.

Creative Moments

Preserve your memories safely with Creative Memories photo safe albums & products. Hold a Home Class or Show to share the products with your friends. Contact your neighborhood consultant, Emily Hood at 862-5293.

Web Design / Development

Anodesyne web design / development and graphic design firm provides web business strategy, development, design and marketing services to business clients. Matthew Tillstrom 265-6620, matthew@anodesyne.com

Playgroup Wanted

Stay at home mom of an 11 month old looking to join or start a play group. Call Emily Hood at 862-5293.

Original Art For Sale

Wooden bead necklaces, candleholders etc. All hand painted. True finds for everyone. Rebecca Pace, 721-1350

Babysitters

Brandon Bloom-Ellis 727-1362
 Chundra Cathcart 862-2644
 Cayla Damick 863-7106
 Anne Johnston 726-5997
 Leah Edgerton 725-3300
 Lexi Land 725-0785
 Austin Pheiffer 725-7067
 Evan Pheiffer 725-7067
 Sarah Schwartz 725-1677
 Rachel Schwartz 725-1677

Estate Sales

Ruth Cobb 863-2144

House Sitting

Lexi Land 725-0785
 Jenny Phillips 725-4567

Lawn Mowing

Drew Bloom-Ellis 727-1362
 Bradley Land 725-0785
 Austin Pheiffer 725-7067
 Evan Pheiffer 725-7067
 Justin Vail 727-9149
 Arthur Yentumi 726-5348

Decorating / Organizing

Is your house a mess? Whether you're getting ready to sell your house, throw a party or just finally get organized - call Mary Edgerton at A Second Look, 725-3300.

Custom Painting and Restoration

European Trained, Interior & Exterior. Lives in the Heights Roger Douek 862-6871

Child Care

Stay at home mom available for part-time childcare- Mon, Wed, and Fri. Kerri Rendelman 721-7293

Mother's Helpers

Anna Pheiffer 727-7067
 Becky Ferber 727-2634
 Wesley Johnson 726-5452
 Martha Yentumi 726-5348
 Jessie Massey 726-1250
 Jenna Massey 726-1250

Painter

Patrick Beckmann 862-0383

Pet Sitters

Brandon Bloom-Ellis 727-1362
 Chundra Cathcart 862-2644
 Cayla Damick 863-7106
 Leah Edgerton 725-3300
 Becky Ferber 727-2634
 Bradley Land 725-0785
 Lexi Land 725-0785
 Jessie Massey 726-1250
 Jenna Massey 726-1250
 Austin Pheiffer 725-7067
 Anna Pheiffer 725-7067
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 Jenny Phillips 725-4567
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