

# Fence Talk

University Heights Association, Inc.

## U. Heights Board Meeting

September's meeting was cut somewhat short due to the amazing history making 62nd homerun by Mark McGuire, but we did manage to complete the agenda for the night. First, the picnic, Sunday, September 27th is a go (rain date of Oct.4th). The schedule of events will go as follows:

Parade of pots and pans through Lewis Park begins at 4:30 with Master of Ceremonies Michael Dukes.

Grills for food start at 5.

There will be games for the children and music for all to enjoy. (Children attending the picnic must be accompanied by their family or an adult.)

Be sure to bring: a dish to share with neighbors, your own utensils, and be ready to have a great evening with family and friends.

A couple of changes have occurred on the Board. Due to Christine Mackey-Ross' busy schedule and a family crisis, she has resigned from the Board. Mary Moriarity, alternate was voted in to replace her. Jane Calkins, alternate was elected to take Ken King's position on the Board and was elected to Treasurer taking Christine's position.

The Board has received numer-

ous requests regarding updating the neighborhood directory, and a vote was taken to update it every other year. Beginning with the new board next April, names, addresses and phone numbers will be updated and a new directory printed next summer.

The Board is ahead of schedule on planning for next year's annual meeting at the University City Library by securing the date of April 20th. Mark your calendar!

A point of interest for children in the neighborhood, is the work on the playground in Lewis Park. Paul Schoomer, City Council member reported that the Parks Department had excess funds to begin replacing the old equipment this year and will complete their work at the latest next year.

## Block Homes

Dear Neighbors,

It's that time of the year again.

School children are walking through the Heights to and from school. It's time to remind you about the Block Home Program, which was established in 1984 under the guidance of our neighborhood association and the University City Police Department. It addresses the issues of health and safety for our children who walk to and from school.



As is often the case, a few Block Home participants moved over the summer, and we invite new participants in the program. We try to have at least 2 homes per street, more on longer streets such as Dartmouth.

As a Block Home volunteer, you will be asked to place a sign in your window so children going to and from school will know which house can be used in an emergency. You need not be home every day. The sign can be removed when you are not available. You will not be expected to break up fights or give medical aid. It will be your responsibility to call the parents and proper authorities in any emergency situation involving a child.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please give me a call at 862-2644.

Those of you who are parents of school age children may want to walk your child's route to and from school with him/her and point out the Block Homes on the way.

As a parting note, I want to remind all drivers in the Heights to SLOW DOWN and remember to stop for the stop signs. They are there for pedestrians, and especially for our children.

Thanks!

Marilyn Cathcart 862-2644  
Block Home Coordinator

**Crime Prevention**

How many of us really know how to protect our homes and families? When it comes to the nuances of effective crime prevention, the local police are the real experts. Luckily for all of us, they are willing to come to you and help you crime proof your home. The University City Police will check your doors and windows, and everything else, showing you what you can do to protect yourself and your family. Call 725-2211 for more information and to set up a meeting time.



**FALL LEAF PICK UP**

It seems that summer is finally on it's way out of here which means that leaves are going to be falling soon. That means fall leaf pick up time is also coming. On collection dates (see the calendar), just rake your leaves and other small yard waste into the gutter and they will be removed. The leaves and yard waste go into the compost piles at Heman Park which can be used as mulch by all University City residents. It is important to clean up the leaves for the safety of the neighborhood. Wet leaves are slippery, and with children running around and riding bikes, we don't want anyone slipping and hurting themselves.

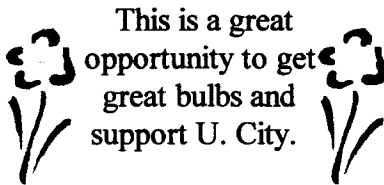
**WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?**

Just arrived on the neighbor express:

Scott Thomas moved into 6936 Columbia. Michael McGrath is unpacking boxes at 6954 Dartmouth. Jennifer Morris is now calling 722 Harvard "home." Mark and Karen Rowley are homesteading at 714 Trinity, a house recently vacated by H. Mark Johnston and Patricia LaVasser who moved (along with famed frog and mushroom lawn ornaments) into 6928 Amherst. And, last but not least, a neighborly hi-de-ho to Joseph and Sara Shapiro at 781 Yale. Hello and welcome to all of you!

**FALL BULB SALE**

The annual U. City in Bloom bulb sale is coming up. This year's sale will be held on Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th in the Market at the loop. Friday's hours are from 10-6, Saturday from 8-4. The proceeds go to benefit U. City in Bloom, which makes U City beautiful for all of us.



**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

If you have an article or something you wanted mentioned in the November issue of Fence Talk, submit it, IN WRITING, to Paula or Alyssa by October 12.

On close scrutiny, the beast within us looks suspiciously like a sheep.

-Sarah McCarthy  
American writer and activist

**WILD ANIMAL RESCUE**

What do you do if, while out for your evening stroll, you stumble across an injured squirrel. Or, heaven forbid, your dog injures a rabbit? Well, there is an organization in the St. Louis area who knows what to do. NATURE'S HALFWAY HOUSE specializes in rescuing and healing all forms of wild animals. Once healed, the animals are released back into nature to go about their lives. If you should come across an injured animal, call them at 343-6200, they will do anything they can to help.

Of course, they are a volunteer organization, so, if you are feeling the need to give back to the community, or have community service hours to fill for school, consider lending a helping paw to them. Additionally, they have plenty of materials on their wish list; items they need for running their clinic. If you are throwing out tables, chairs, or mini-refrigerators, you might call and see if they could use them.

Remember, no animal needs to remain injured and scared under a tree, NATURE'S HALFWAY HOUSE is there to help.



## TRICK-OR-TREATING

## Pumpkin Carving Party!!!

Let's give the great pumpkin a real challenge this year. Come carve pumpkins with your friends and neighbors!

**WHO:** Anyone and everyone - the more the merrier!

**WHAT:** A pumpkin carving party!

**WHEN:** Saturday October 31 11:00 - 1:00

**WHERE:** On the curb in front of 6912 Amherst  
(that's Alaine's house.)

**WHY:** Because Alaine and Alyssa think it will be fun!

**HOW:** However you want! Think of bizarre, spooky, creative and original ideas to wow and impress your neighbors!

**WHAT TO BRING:** Bring your own pumpkin and tools. Serrated knives, x-acto knives, wood or linoleum carving tools, push through apple corers, jagged little saws, markers, paint, Vaseline or spray varnish (to keep it from rotting, but if you want to eat it later, don't put anything on it.)  
Bring some goodies to share with everyone.

**QUESTIONS?** Call Alaine at 721-8231



It's that time of year again! Our streets are about to be filled with ghosts and goblins, tele-tubbies and small soldiers. Do you know what to do? Let's go over the trick-or-treating rules of the neighborhood. These guidelines are designed to keep the neighborhood safe. If you are going to host trick-or-treaters, turn your porch light on at 6:00 pm. and off at 8:00 pm. Do not answer your door after 8:00. All that, in turn, means that if you are taking your children trick-or-treating in the neighborhood, please complete your rounds by 8:00. There will be blockades set up at both car entrances to the neighborhood in an attempt to keep unwanted traffic out. Have fun, and be safe!



## FENCE TALK CLASSIFIEDS

### BABY SITTERS:

Lisa Price 863-6237  
Terec Willson 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.

**FOR SALE:** 1400 BTU air conditioner, 5 yrs. old, \$200, a 30 foot aluminum ladder, \$75. Call Marianne at 863-0632.

**ART INSTRUCTION FOR ADULTS OR CHILDREN AT AMHERST STUDIO:** Alaine Peaslee-Hinshaw offers one-on-one and small group (2-5) art instruction in her 6912 Amherst home studio. Unlike other programs in the area her instruction is designed around individual interests, abilities and schedules. Learn to draw, paint, print, sculpt, pot, make paper or create stained glass. Clay animation filming is also available. Call 721-8231 for information.

**FOR SALE:** Zenith cabinet T.V. Call for more information; would like to move quickly. Call 727-6178.

**FOR SALE:** Large rectangular glass-topped lawn dining table. Dark green metal supports. Almost new. \$30. Phone 863-2407. Will trade for smaller table.

**COMPUTER FOR SALE:** Macintosh Powerbook 520c with an internal modem. 3 years old, needs some work, but a great deal for any student. With a printer. \$400. Call Alyssa at 862-4940

## Fence Talk Calendar October 1998

1-31		National Crime Prevention Month (See special article on page 2) Domestic Violence Awareness Month
4-11		Fire Prevention Week
5	Monday	Sukkot
12	Monday	Columbus Day City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7:30pm
		<b>Week of Fall Leaf Collection</b>
13	Tuesday	U. Heights Board Assoc. Meeting, 6975 Cornell, 7:30pm
25	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Ends
31	Saturday	Pumpkin Carving, 6912 Amherst, 11-1 (See page 3 for details) Halloween Trick-or-Treating (See page 3 for details)

### November Highlights

3	Tuesday	Election Day <b>Week of Fall Leaf Collection</b>
10	Tuesday	U. Heights Board Association Meeting, 772 Yale, 7:30pm
11	Wednesday	Veterans Day
26	Thursday	Thanksgiving
30		<b>Week of Fall Leaf Collection</b>

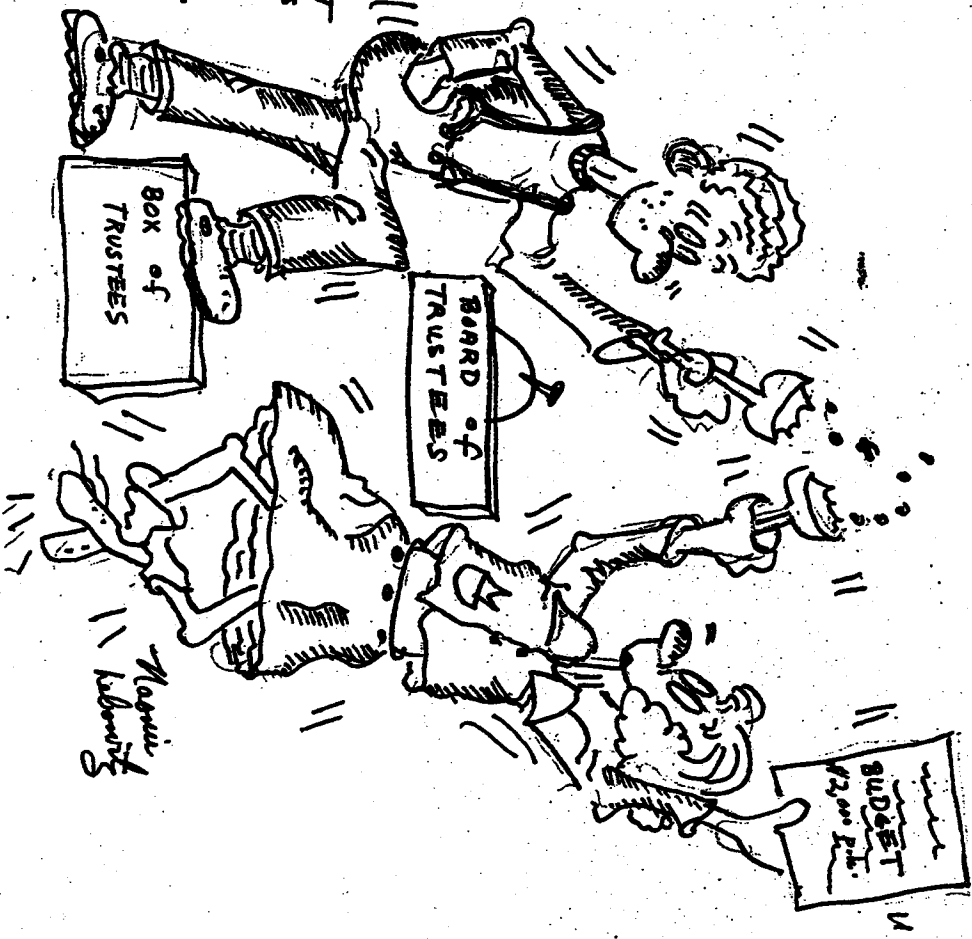
### Notable Numbers

Fence Talk:	Paula O'Keefe, 6919 Columbia, 862-6296 Alyssa Royse, 752 Trinity, 862-4940
Trustees:	Ron Scott, 6942 Amherst, 725-0893 Jay Kanzler, 754 Yale, 863-3712 Kathy Sorkin, 6940 Columbia, 725-2953 Paula O'Keefe (Intern), 6919 Columbia, 862-6919
Block Homes:	Marilyn Cathcart, 6933 Columbia, 862-6244
Contractor File:	Shane Calkins, 769 Harvard, 725-3058
Groundskeeper:	Gloss Cain
Police (non-emergency):	725-2211
Public Library:	727-3150
City Hall:	862-6767



\$ 2,000 per house;  
\$ 1,900: poop scooping  
and dog catcher  
\$ 100: fill 3  
potholes and  
minimum wage  
for the  
Street Warden

MISS MARPLE, STREET  
WARDEN, and FRIENDS  
WORRY ABOUT  
DISTRIBUTION  
STREET FUNDS...



Plaque  
Liberating