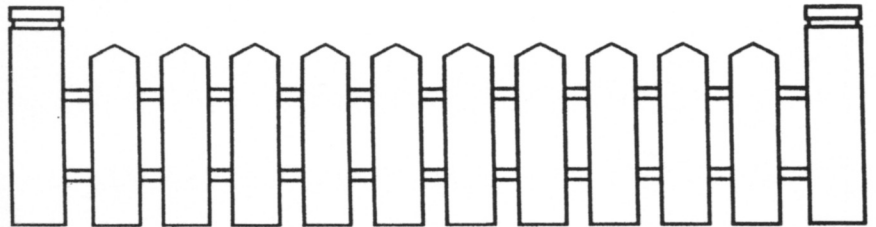


FENCE TALK

JULY-AUGUST, 2001



Greetings Neighbors-

What a long, hot summer it has been. Not my favorite weather, but at least our lawns and landscaping are thriving, and especially the lamppost planters. Special kudos to Marcia LaCour-Little for the one she has maintained (and embellished) at Princeton & Trinity!

I was glad to see the school election passed, though I know from the yard signs I saw this was not a sentiment shared by all of you.

Board meetings will resume in September after an August break. The annual picnic is coming in September, and the Garden Club is planning a fall plant swap.

Linda Strassburger and Jim Cartwright are working on a strategic plan for our neighborhood, based on input from board members and neighbors via the surveys distributed in June FenceTalk. See Linda's article on Page 2.

U City's public works department has a couple of recycling events coming up, showing their commitment to the goal of 40% waste reduction-an effort near and dear to me.

Olive Boulevard is celebrating its sesquicentennial, and University City is getting ready to celebrate its centennial, giving our neighborhood history buffs a chance for a few more history lessons.

I continue to look for articles and input from neighbors for future editions of FenceTalk. All ideas are welcome. 726-5352 or e-mail at janetschaper@planetstl.com.

Janet Schaper, editor

NO CALL LAW

If you want your name added to Missouri's No Call List, call 866-NOCALL1 by 11/1 to have your name taken off by 1/1. More information available at www.moago.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

The annual University Heights neighborhood picnic will be held Sunday, September 16th. (Rain Date is October 7th).

PARADE

The parade begins at 3:30pm at Yale/Cornell/Princeton. Decorate your bike, your big wheel, yourself, your dog, your Mom and Dad, whatever, and meet at the corner before 3:30. Bring kazoos, musical instruments, noise makers. If you don't want to walk, come out to watch. The annual buttons will be handed out to all paraders and spectators.

POTLUCK PICNIC

After the parade, there will be just enough time to go home and get your goodies for the picnic and return to Lewis Park. The U Heights Association provides hot grills, cold beer and soda, nametags, games, music and other amenities. Each household is asked to bring a pot-luck dish (salad, vegetable, casserole or dessert) big enough to serve 10-12 people. You also need to bring your own main dish or meat to grill, plates and utensils. If you bring your own drinks, please remember that glass containers are not allowed in the park. There will be extra tables in the park, but many people prefer to bring their own picnic blanket or chairs. Don't forget insect repellent!

The U Heights picnic is not just for kids and not just for families. It is for all residents, old, young, single, married, new neighbors, old timers, former neighbors, everyone!

Come out and join the fun!

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Ron Scott has expressed dismay that 9 of our new street signs (black with reflective white lettering) are already missing. Replacement cost is \$200/sign--a total of \$1800 plus installation that must be paid from our dwindling assessment funds.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE if you see or hear anyone dismantling or vandalizing street signs or ornamental lights, immediately call 911. If anyone should find any of our street signs in their basement or kids rooms (Please look!), return them to Ron ASAP. The trustees will only press charges against those caught by U City Police after a 911 call. Ron has requested that the U City Police be on the alert for these thefts and vandalism, as well as other traffic violations by residents or visitors to our neighborhood. Questions, comments, ideas, contact Ron at 725-0893.

The trustees have also negotiated with the city to repair the drainage problems leftover from our new street project, to patch the holes by the ornamental lights, and to patch other problem areas in the streets.

Due to our meager budget, the trustees and Droege Tree Service have identified the tree lawn trees 'most in need' of trimming or removal, and Droege should trim or remove them in October.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

by Linda Strassburger

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who responded to the planning survey. Many neighbors added additional ideas that were great, and they mentioned that they appreciate having the opportunity to voice their opinions about our neighborhood. I think that most of the items on the list will need to be completed at some time within the next 5 years. However, per the survey, the top priority items in order are as follows: 1. Maintenance of the streets; 2. Updating the indenture and increasing the neighborhood assessment; 3. Replacing dead trees; 4. Replacing sidewalks; 5. Continuing the FenceTalk. So, as many of you figured, this information is no big surprise!! The next question we need to ask ourselves is, "Money?" If you have done or are planning to do improvement on your house, you have come to the realization that it sometimes takes a lot more moolah than you might have thought. This is the same with our neighborhood maintenance and improvements. The even bigger

questions are "How much money do we have?" "How much money do we need?" "How much do we collect annually per our current assessment rate?" "How much do each of the needed items really cost?" "How much do we not collect annually?" "What are our fixed expenses and how much do they cost us each year?" "How are items prioritized?" "How much longer before we update the indenture?" "Exactly, how many more signatures do we need to move forward with the assessment increase?" So many questions! In upcoming articles in FenceTalk we will try to explore the answers to some of these questions and provide some important information about our financial status and how do we compare with other private neighborhoods within our area. Hopefully, with the neighborhood input and feedback we will have a majority of our neighbors moving in the same direction. This is everyone's neighborhood and I think we should all have a part in some of our planning decisions and money decisions.

RECYCLING NEWS

Electronics Recycling Fair Fri-Sun 9/21-9/23, St. Louis County residents may drop off old small electronics at Heman Park in front of the Recreation Facility at 7120 Olive. Items should be placed in the trunk of a car for removal by staff.

Textile Recycling clothes, shoes, linens, rags and curtains may be dropped off between 8am and 4:30pm in a bin at the Heman Park parking lot in front of the Recreation Facility at 7120 Olive.

For more information on either of these recycling events, call 863-3208, ext 264.

LEAF PICKUP

The City will pick up leaves curbside three times in University Heights: The weeks of October 8, October 29 and November 26. You may rake leaves to the curb the weekend before pickup (but please not prior to that weekend). The City's vehicles will come by sometime during that week. The leaves are put in piles at Heman Park, and made available to residents in the spring in the form of leaf mulch (also known as 'black gold' to some of our better gardeners). Be careful not to park on the piles of leaves during pickup time. Heat from your car's engine can easily ignite leaves!!

NEW NEIGHBORS

Julie Lyss, David Loren and Shira (1 year old) have moved in to 6947 Amherst. David has a neanatology fellowship at Children's/BJC. They miss San Francisco weather, but enjoy being back where Julie grew up! Marc & Ashlea Clark, who are already acquainted with many U Heights residents, have moved in at 6900 Cornell.

FALL PERENNIAL PLANT SWAP

DATE: Sunday, September 30 4 to 7 pm

PLACE: Massey Residence 6941 Dartmouth

Bring an appetizer and a perennial plant to swap. Chat with your neighbors about garden ideas and catch up on the latest in "plant" gossip! (yes, it is okay to buy a perennial to bring if you don't yet have any to share)



If you can lend a hand, or have any questions, call Jane at 726-1250

CALENDAR

September 5	Deadline for Button Contest Entries
September 11	September Board Meeting at the Cross Residence 726 Harvard
September 16	University Heights Annual Picnic
September 17 – 22	Textile Recycling in front of Heman Park Recreation Center
September 21 – 23	Electronics Recycling Fair in front of Heman Park Recreation Center
September 30	Fall Perennial Plant Swap at Massey Residence
October 5 – 7	Loop in Motion
October 7	Rain Date for Annual Picnic
Week of October 8	First curbside leaf pickup by City
October 9	October Board Meeting at the Massey Residence 6941 Dartmouth
Week of October 29	Second curbside leaf pickup by City
October 31	The Great Pumpkin pays a visit to University Heights
November 13	November Board meeting at the Koch Residence 6945 Dartmouth
Week of November 26	Third curbside leaf pickup by City
December 16	University Heights Luminaria
December	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

ANNUAL BUTTON CONTEST UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS PICNIC

All neighbors are encouraged to enter the button contest for this year's University Heights picnic. The winning entry will be produced onto buttons that will be distributed to all parade participants and picnic attendees. Many neighbors have button collections dating back several years!

Entries must be submitted on this form (or reasonable facsimile) to Brian Phillips by September 5th. You may drop the entry off at his home at 714 Harvard, or call him at 727-6532 to make other arrangements.

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 INTERPRETER WANTED

Call Maria for Home Electrical Repairs and other Home Repairs at 862-1797.
 by philatelist (stamp collector) - French, Arabic & Portugese. "pay U.S. Mint
 Postage". Also, fellow philatelists. Foreign issues only. S. Stein 862-1857

MISC HELP WANTED

Occasionall part-time light housekeeping, sewing on buttons, occasional outdoor
 workk 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)

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 lawn
 (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 serviceor problems

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

621-6960 Natural gas service or problems

MISSOURI AMERICAN WATER CO

991-0333 OR 991-3404 Water service or problems