



# Fence Talk

University Heights Association, Inc.

## U. Heights Board Meeting

At the Board meeting held, February 17th, the issue of the streets held number one priority. Trustees, Ron Scott and Kathy Sorkin reported on their meeting with the University City, city engineers office. The city has proposed using their services to repair our streets. Our trustees would work with them during the collection of bids, and then the city would oversee the completion of the work with the selected contractors. The board felt we needed to investigate the services of an independent engineer, and the trustees agreed to look into other options before making a decision.

With the possibility of the streets being repaired coming closer to reality than a dream, there are important items the residents need to consider. The Board and Trustees encourage homeowners to have their sewer laterals inspected by an independent contractor. MSD will be checking these once work begins, and if they find laterals that have not been upgraded, homeowners will be given 30 days to comply. If MSD does the work you can be sure it will not be inexpensive. If you are not sure if your laterals have been updated, you can call City Hall and check with the building and inspection office. They will have on file copies of permits for sewer lateral updates that have been completed.

**U. HEIGHTS ANNUAL  
BOARD MEETING HAS  
BEEN CHANGED TO  
WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 22, 6:30PM AT  
THE U. CITY LIBRARY**

## Heights Highlights

### New Trustee, Kathy Sorkin

Kathy was born and raised in St. Louis, but spent 11 years in New York City spreading her wings. She started her career as a VISTA Volunteer in 1967, later working in anti-poverty programs and the Mayor's office. She came back to St. Louis in 1978 working for a non-profit neighborhood housing organization and from 1989 to last year as Manager of Construction Disbursing Dept. of Commonwealth Title Insurance Company. Currently, she is employed as V.P. of St. Louis Equity Fund which invests in affordable housing developments, including the two Parkview Gardens projects in University City. She is also, President-Elect of Habitat for Humanity, St. Louis.

Kathy resides at 6940 Columbia with husband, Richard Sorkin, Executive Director of the Gladys & Henry Crown Center in University City and daughter Jamie, a junior in high school. They moved to the Heights three years ago and worked on various projects with the University Heights Neighborhood Association.

"I am most concerned about the deplorable condition of our streets and expect that this issue is upper-

most on everyone's agenda. I am trying to find out as much information as I can and welcome everyone's input. I am looking forward to working with my fellow trustees, Jay Kanzler and Ron Scott on this issue and all of the issues confronting us. I have really enjoyed working with the Board and volunteers with the Neighborhood Association. There are many unsung heroes and heroines in that organization."

University Heights is fortunate to have a former Board member volunteer to be a Trustee.

### Spring Leaf Collection

The Spring leaf collection for our neighborhood is scheduled for the week of March 23-27. Rake your leaves to the curb line over the weekend for pick-up during the week.

**Found: Watch on Trinity - Owner  
call 862-6296 to claim.**

### Post Notes...

*Art enables us to find ourselves  
and lose ourselves at the same  
time.*

*Thomas Merton  
Excerpt, No Man is an Island*

**Big Trash Day**

Big Trash Day is scheduled for Thursday, March 19. Place large, bulky items too big for the regular trash collection at the curb after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday for pick-up on Thursday morning.

**March Garden Club Meeting**

SPRING into Gardening! University Heights Garden Group will hold its first meeting of the year on Sunday, March 15, at 3:00 P.M. at 6983 Cornell, the home of Marilyn Phillips. Join us for refreshments and conversation as we talk about our garden ideas for '98. Special focus will be pruning.

For further information, call Marilyn Phillips 725-4567 or Judy Harmon 863-6159.

**Garden Party/Plant Swap**

Mark your calendars now for the Second Annual University Heights Garden Party/Plant Swap on Sunday, April 19. Co-hosted by Jane Massey and Becky Ballard in Becky's lovely garden. For further information, call Jane at 726-1250 or Becky at 727-9149.

**U. City Symphony Orchestra**

The U. City Symphony Orchestra will present a Free Concert on Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. at COCA. The presentation will include:

Georges Bizet Symphony #1 C Major Roman Carnival Overture by Hector Berlioz

Henri Bieuxtemps Concerto for violin & orchestra with symphony member Manuel Ramos

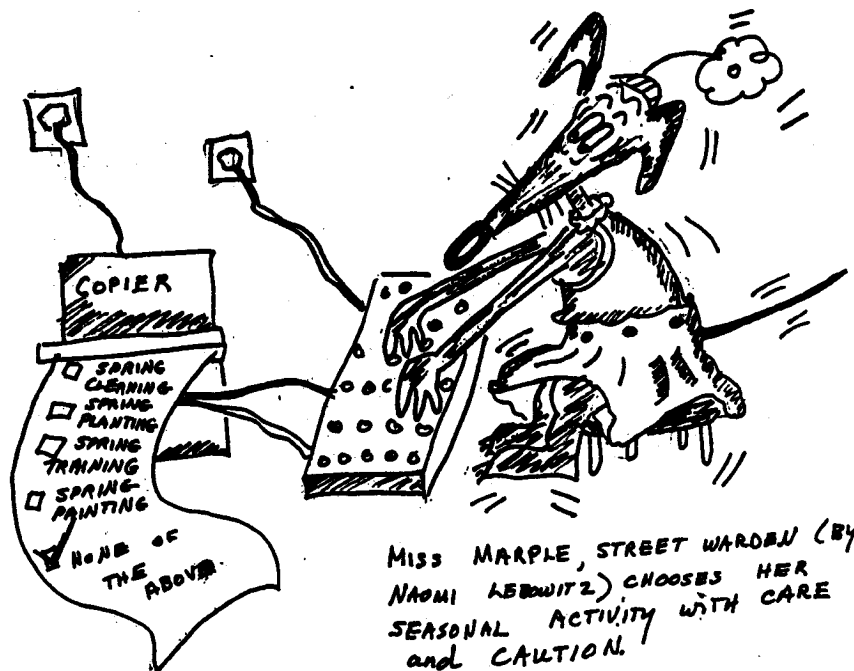
Conducted by U. City resident Leon Burke.

**U. Heights Annual Dues**

Attached to this Fence Talk is the annual U. Heights Association membership form. Please complete, include your dues of \$10 and return to Angela Feddersen Heinze, Treasurer. Dues will also be collected at the Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 22 at the University City Library.

**Sidewalk Clearing**

The February article in Fence Talk from Alyssa Royce regarding safe sidewalks prompted a couple of inquiries from the neighborhood. For clarification regarding the responsibility of clearing sidewalks and/or areas used by the public for passage in front of your home; the details and responsibility are set forth in the City Ordinance 17-301.5, which states the homeowner is responsible for keeping sidewalks free of debris, mud . . . and hazardous conditions. If you would like a copy of this, please call University City, City Clerk, Leisha Meine, 862-6767.



## Delmar-Harvard News

### Delmar-Harvard is Raising Money for New Playground and Greenspace **WOW! WE'RE GETTING CLOSE**

For five years, the children of Delmar-Harvard have been raising money for a new playground. The children have raised \$29,000 to date, utilizing a variety of fundraisers, including the "Pennies for the Playground" campaign. Projected PTO spring fundraising of \$5,000, plus in-kind donations of \$18,240 from community members, leave a balance of \$24,000. We're very proud of raising \$52,240 out of a total of \$76,240. That is two thirds of the total! In order to complete the project before the oldest children graduate of D-H, we must transform the children's "Pennies for the Playground" campaign. We are now turning to the adults of the community for the final push: "Dollars for the Playground."

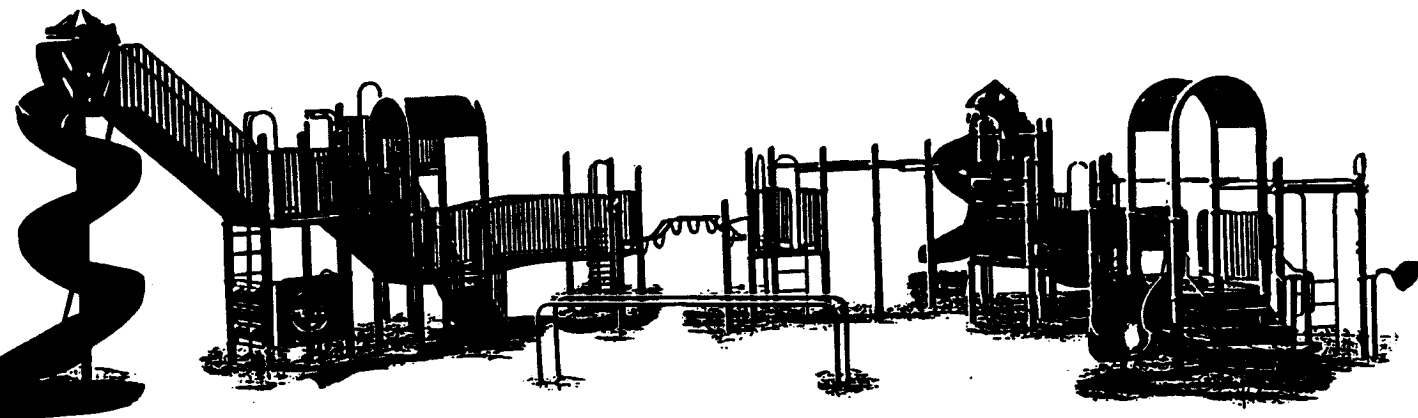
Briefly, the plan calls for a large playground, a park like area, and space for children's vegetable gardens. The playground design

stresses active and creative play for 5 to 12 year olds. It has both an 8ft and a 12ft slide; a suspended sliding tree so that children will have access to a quick rest in the shade on hot sunny days.

Additional asphalt removal at the southwest corner of the school will provide opportunities for children's vegetable gardening. Children learn about nature and science in the classroom and on field trips, but nature and science are also just outside the school door if we remove some asphalt and replace it with grass, trees and vegetables! This is especially important for our many children who live in apartment buildings.

At present, the school has very limited grassy areas and none of them are part of the children's play space. We want to change that situation. The Kingsland border of the school with a continuous strip of grass, trees and benches. The interior chain link fence and the asphalt just north of the Kingsland entrance will be removed. The playground location will be shifted to the east so that the playground will be bordered on the east side with the "D-H park."

In addition to directly benefitting the children of the school, summer school, summer camp and the casual weekend user, it will benefit this neighborhood. Fostering the success of Delmar-Harvard remains one of the best investments in its surrounding neighborhoods. The Delmar-Harvard PTO is actively seeking tax deductible contributions from area residents in order to install the project this summer. For information, call Jay Lawrence, at 721-7270 or Kathy Freese, at 726-2071.



## Post Scripts

from

Jeff Roberts-Celebrity Mailman

I try to get as much news as I can. I listen to NPR. I watch CNN, HNN, CBS, NBC, ABC, and USA. I read the newspaper. I do this not only because I have huge amounts of idle time, but also because a well-informed citizen is a citizen with an axe to grind. And I've always loved those, seemingly trivial, "buried" stories. You know, those offbeat tales of wacky criminals, trusting souls led into despair, goofy lawmakers (who sometimes become "leading" stories), and the occasional science discovery that seems quaint on the day it hits the paper, yet becomes some Major Universal Truth in a year or two.

But the "top stories", to me, seem to contain tons of information I just don't need. Every detail is covered, uncovered, and discovered. There's little left to wonder about. Some people NEED to know whether The President wore black socks or cream socks, wool or cotton, clean or dirty. And that's okay. But I like to wonder about the fate of the bank robbers who got away clean. Did they end up in Costa Rica or were they betrayed by evil Costa Ricans? Was there really a plot or did somebody just make it up to get even for some past misdeed? Yet, most of the time, all I REALLY want to know is... how will this story affect ME?

Will my life change in one way or another by the actions of the Lugnut, Tennessee School Board, or will it be acceptable for my children to continue hugging their family members, bereaved classmates, or injured teammates? Should I try to remember for the next twenty years or so where those people

were raised in order to avoid a confrontation that might result in catastrophe because they were NOT allowed to hug a fellow human being when they were youngsters attending Lugnut Elementary School?

And how about the County Council in Backwater, South Carolina? They want to make it a criminal offense for store workers to lick their fingers to get the plastic shopping bags to cooperate. Now, I'm just as leery of the saliva of others as you are, HOWEVER, don't you think these people might be OVERREACTING just a bit? COME ON!! Spit is universal! We all have it, we all spread it, and we all have to deal with it. I deal with saliva every day. "Jeff! I've just finished a letter that has to be in Ohio tomorrow! All I have to do is seal the envelope and stick a stamp on it. Can you wait?"

And you know what happens next. She'll work her tongue around her mouth, trying to get the juices flowing enough to seal the envelope in the fewest licks possible, and you know what I have to deal with now. Gobs of spit. GALLONS of spit. If you think about the thousands of humans who seal or stamp things that I hold in my hands every day, can you imagine the amount AND variety of spit I deliver to your house? Do you think people use sponges to apply moisture to their mucilage? Trust me, I try not to touch my face with my hands when I can touch it with another part of my body!

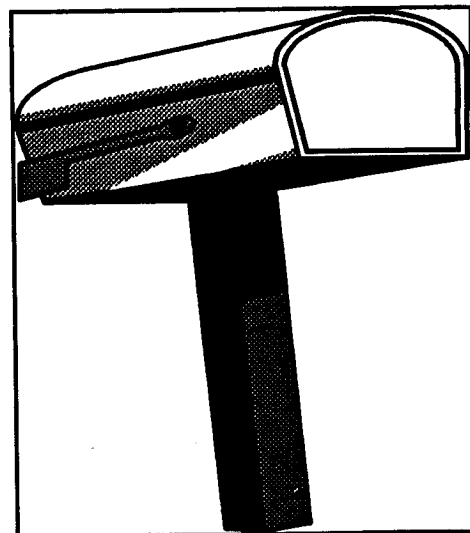
And if this makes you the least bit queasy, stop reading. Don't EVEN think about the origins or varied paths that change you just got at your favorite greasy spoon might have taken. What about non-human spit? My cats "mark" me every day. (From the spitting end, not the other end.)

They rub their mouths against the things they love and /or covet. Most mammals do. Give me ONE other compelling reason why humans kiss.

So what does this have to do with the news? I'll tell you. I read about how modern flu viruses that originate in China are spread quickly and easily because "The Chinese are notorious hawkers and spitters." First, that quote comes from The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, not from me. Second, I always thought the hawking part came before the actual spitting part.

And I recently read about how the U.S. Army "acquired" the virus that caused the influenza epidemic of 1918 that killed tens of millions of people. First, I wondered about why the U.S. Army would even be interested in HAVING such a thing considering how the U.S. Army is forbidden by International Law from actually using such a weapon. (I guess they're just "hanging" onto the stuff until the laws change in their favor.) Second, I wondered about the people who handle this stuff and how much spit they used when they mailed it.

Yeah, I probably worry about saliva more than I should. I sometimes even dream about saliva. But not ALL fears are irrational fears. Are they?



## FENCE TALK CLASSIFIEDS

### BABY SITTERS

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

Rebecca Fitz 727-8554  
Cassie Phillips 725-4567  
Lauren Taylor 863-2020

Matthew Daughaday 863-3008  
Alison Damick 863-7106  
Evan Pheiffer 725-7067

Emily Patterson 862-5293  
Cayla Damick 863-7106  
Ben Scrivner 721-0921

### PET SITTERS

Mark Fitz 727-8554  
Allison Scott 725-0893  
Bradley Land 725-0785

Ryan Patterson 862-5293  
Evan Pheiffer 725-7067

Cayla Damick 863-7106  
Ben Scrivner 721-0921

Jenny Phillips 725-4567

### LAWN MOWING

Justin Vail 727-9149

Evan Pheiffer 725-7067

Bradley Land 725-0785

Drew Bloom-Ellis 727-1362

### PAINTING

Dan Diekneite 863-7258  
Patrick Beckman 862-0383

**ESTATE SALES**  
Ruth Cobb 863-2144

### HOUSE SITTING

Mary Jo Maroney 727-8554

### WRITING/PUBLISHING

Myra Vandersall 725-1059

### WATER PURIFIERS

Michael Williams 726-5644

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## FENCE TALK UNCLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** Wooden bunk-beds and matching desk - \$150. Baby grand piano - needs work - \$350 or best offer. Old wooden slatted venetian blinds - call for window size. Mary Wingate 726-0123.

**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 727-1362.

**MOVING OUT?** Save money on good quality moving boxes. Moving in? Have your boxes removed and recycled. I buy and sell used moving boxes. I pick up and deliver. Call Nils Hinshaw at 721-8231.

**NEEDED:** Old blenders to aid in paper making. Please call Alaine Peaslee-Hinshaw at 721-8231.

**FOR SALE:** Cherry base sofa, in good shape, peach \$75.00; 2 Kenwood stereo speakers, 5 years old \$100.00; solid cherry coffee table \$50.00; Nashbar 4000 XOTIC 21 speed mountain bike \$300.00; 1 pair DBX 7-way stereo speakers \$150.00. Call Alicia Creighton at 726-1408.

**CHILDCARE/BABY SITTING:** Available in your home. Enthused 28 year old, world traveler looking to supplement her income by offering childcare/baby sitting/elderly care. Afternoons and evenings. Contact Christina Bergman 694-3909.

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

**FENCE TALK UNCLASSIFIEDS CONTINUED**

**WANTED:** Slightly used refrigerator. Please call Nancy Mastin at 721-4853.

**FOR SALE:** Children's tree house/fort. \$100 or best offer. Please call Nancy Mastin 721-4853

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

**FOR SALE:** Kenwood portable CD player. Used twice. Paid \$140. Will sell for \$100. Call Liberty Marlow, 727-2325.

**FREE:** Twenty or more cans of assorted Alpo dog food. Please call 725-8341

**FOR SALE:** We have too many antiques! Selling two-tiered table, beautiful inlaid wood flowers and borders, France c. 1910 - \$300. Old wheelchair, oak with cane seat and back panels, \$150. Call 726-0950.

**FOR SALE:** Two dressers - 1 brown; 1 white - \$30 each - call for details - 862-8246

MARCH 1998						
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**FENCE TALK CALENDAR**

**MARCH 1998**

- 4 **Wednesday** E.G. Lewis' Birthday
- 12 **Thursday** Purim
- 14 **Saturday** U. City in Bloom Annuals Workshop, 9:30am, U. City Library
- 15 **Sunday** Garden Club Meeting, 3pm, 6983 Cornell
- 16 **Monday** City Council Meeting, 7:30pm, City Hall
- 17 **Tuesday** St. Patrick's Day  
U. Heights Board Meeting, 7:30pm, 6965 Columbia
- 19 **Thursday** Large trash collection
- 23-27 **Monday** Leaf collection week
- 30 **Monday** City Council Meeting, 7:30pm, City Hall  
Spring Break to April 3

**April Highlights**

- 7 **Tuesday** Election Day
- 19 **Sunday** Garden Party/Plant Swap
- 22 **Wednesday** University Heights Annual Meeting, 6:30, U. City Library

**Notable Numbers**

<b>Fence Talk</b> : Diana Nichols, 725-6392; fax 726-2056	<b>Police (non-emergency)</b> - 725-2211
Paula O'Keefe, 862-6296	<b>Public Library</b> - 727-3150
Tammy Jennings, jtjennings @stlnet.com	<b>City Hall</b> - 862-6767
<b>Block Homes</b> - Marilyn Cathcart, 862-6244	<b>Contractor File</b> - Shane Calkins, 725-3058

**City of University City  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Recreation Division  
Information and Upcoming Events**

- **The University City Parks and Recreation staff now includes a Coordinator of Inclusive Recreation, Janice Layton, who is available to assist the department and the City of University City with including people with disabilities into recreation programs and city services. Janice will work with the individual and their family to determine if any accommodations are needed (i.e. adapting equipment, providing sign language interpreter, etc.). Janice will also provide technical assistance to department staff in order to make each participant's experience as successful as possible.**

**If you have a disability and need assistance, please inform staff of any assistance or accommodations needed at the time of registration. Either a staff member or Janice will contact you to determine how we can best meet your needs. For additional information, Janice Layton may be reached at 839-5575 or by Relay Missouri at 1-800-735-2966 (TDD)**

**Volunteers are also needed to assist people with disabilities in our recreation programs. Call Janice for further details as to how you can help.**

- **Youth and Adult Open Gym Basketball comes to University City**

**YOUTH - sixth through eighth grade open gym basketball will be available on Wednesday afternoons until May 27, 1998 from 4:15 - 6:00 p.m. at Ronald E. McNair Middle School, 8136 Groby Rd.**

**Admission is \$1.00 per person and participant must be University City resident and present a current University City resident ID card or 1997-98 University City school ID to be admitted (no exceptions).**

**ADULT - adult open gym basketball will be available Thursday evenings until May 28, 1998 from 6 - 8 PM at University City High School Small Gym, 7401 Balson (use small gym entrance off Shaftesbury).**

**Admission is \$3.00 per person and participant must be University City resident and present a current University City resident ID card to be admitted (no exceptions).**

**For more information, contact Recreation Supervisor Dwight Freeman at 721-5330.**

**Spring Break Skate**

- **University City residents, grade 5-8 come join the University City Teen Council and Parks and Recreation Department staff for a "Spring Break Skate". The "skate" will be held Tuesday, March 31, 1998 from 11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Saints Rollerskating Rink, 1168 N. Warson Rd. The cost is \$5.00, which includes bus transportation, admission and skate rental. Tickets can be purchased at the Heman Park Recreation Facility, 7210 Olive. For more information, call the University City Park Office, 863-3208, ext. 275.**

- Babysitting Certification, ages 11 and up**  
 sponsored by the American Red Cross  
**Thursday, April 2, 1998** 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Location: Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania**  
**Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes lunch)** min: 10 max: 50

Babysitting Certification teaches "beginning babysitters" basic safety and child-tending skills. Topics include babysitting responsibilities, growth and development of children, selecting toys, games and activities for children, supervising children, accident prevention, emergency actions and much more.

**Registration ends: Friday, March 20, 1998**

**Register:** Heman Park Recreation Facility, 7210 Olive  
 Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania  
 University City Park Office, 6801 Delmar Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup>

**For more information, contact the University City Park Office, 863-3208, ext. 277**

- Kid's Toy and Clothing Fair**  
**Saturday, April 4, 1998** 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
**Admission: free**

Here's your chance to start "spring cleaning" and sell all of those "toys" and "clothes" your children have "outgrown" (Items must be for ages: infant to 12 years - no adult clothing, household items, etc.) Spaces are \$20 per space (includes one 3' x 6' table and 2 chairs).

Setup will take place Friday evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-9 p.m. Table assignments are on a "first come, first served basis." Admission to the "Fair" is free, so tell all your friends to come and browse for "kid" bargains.

**Registration ends: Friday, April 3, 1998** min: 15 tables max: 50 tables

**Register:** Heman Park Recreation Facility, 7210 Olive  
 Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania  
 University City Park Office, 6801 Delmar Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup>

**For more information, contact the University City Park Office, 863-3208, ext. 275**

- Easter Egg-citement**  
**Saturday, April 11, 1998** Noon - 3 p.m.  
**Ages: 3-6**  
**Admission: \$1.00 per child** Location: Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania

The Heman Park Community Center invites our "little University City residents" to come and enjoy a variety of activities (face painting, balloons, tricks, petting zoo, easter egg hunt, etc.) sponsored by University City Teen Council and Parks and Recreation Staff. Admission is \$1.00 per child and all participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (no exceptions!) Refreshments served.

**For more information, contact the University City Park Office, 863-3208, ext. 275**



- **Adult/Child CPR Certification**  
 sponsored by the American Heart Association  
**Saturday, April 18, 1998** 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m  
**Location: Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania**  
**Cost: \$25.00 per person** min: 7 participants

This comprehensive course will educate participants in prevention of heart disease, warning signs and symptoms of heart attack and how to react in an emergency. Plus... Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation, Heimlich Maneuver for choking and CPR. All training includes: 1 to 1 manikin ratio, 1 to 11 instructor ratio, textbook and wallet reference cards for each participant. Upon completion, each participant will earn certification cards valid for two years. Please dress comfortably.

**Registration ends: Sunday, April 5, 1998**

**Register:** Heman Park Recreation Facility, 7210 Olive  
 Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania  
 University City Park Office, 6801 Delmar Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**For more information, contact the University City Park Office, 863-3208, ext. 277**

- **Picnic Rec Bags available**

Getting your family or friends together for a picnic at one of University City pavilions. Well don't bother rummaging through the garage or going out spending money on recreation equipment. Now you can rent a Picnic Rec Bag from the City of University City Parks and Recreation Department and provide hours of fun for your picnic guests.

**Reservation Information:**

Fees are \$10 plus a \$150 refundable security deposit. All reservations must be made in person at the University City Parks Department (third floor/City Hall). Bags may be received at the Heman Park Recreation Facility, 7210 Olive St. Rd. after 6 am the day of your event and must be returned no later than 8 PM the following day.

Our bags include - equipment for children (frisbees, jump ropes, toss, catch, hopscotch and horseshoe games, youth bat and ball set, etc.) and adults (softball, football, horseshoes, etc. /basketball included for Heman and Heman N&O rentals only).

**For more information, contact the University City Park Office, 863-3208, ext. 277**