



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

President's Comments

Happy October everyone! I would like to mention our upcoming Uplands Neighborhood meeting. Our monthly meeting will be held at the Bradley Epworth Church (Elmwood @ Columba Terrace) at 7pm, on October 10th, lower level, enter through the side door. This month's special guest will be Dr. Noreen Dillon (ndillon@saint-mark.net), Principal of St. Marks Grade School. If you would like to know more about St. Marks School or have any questions, this would be an ideal time to do so.

Also, for the November neighborhood meeting on November 14th, our special guest will be Councilman Chuck Grayeb. Councilman Grayeb was elected last April to represent our neighborhood (2nd district). Please come and listen, ask questions, and add any suggestions.

Our annual Uplands Picnic held on September 14th was a GREAT SUCCESS! As always, excellent food, great weather and of course, excellent neighbors! Thanks to all who helped and attended. A special thank you to Desire Kane, our picnic chairperson, who spent many hours planning our picnic. Also, after the picnic was over; we had some leftover meat, rolls, chips, etc. The URA decided to donate this food to the South Side Mission. The Mission graciously accepted the food.

On September 20th, the Uplands finally had their new neighborhood signs installed. Wow! They sure do make a big difference. The signs truly give our neighborhood a unique eloquence. In case you were wondering how we received these signs, it all started back in 2009 when Jehan Gordon (repjehangordon@gmail.com), our State Representative for the Peoria area (92nd District), first took office. I spoke to Representative Gordon awhile back, and she informed me that one of the first things she did after taking office was to request a Capital Bill (later called Capital Improvement Grant). Monies from this bill would be redirected and will be invested back into neighborhoods across her district. Rep. Gordon told me "deep in her heart that these funds were really a great need for our neighborhoods, especially for our older areas." Money funded through this grant could include infrastructure improvement, such as sidewalks, curbs, decorative street signs, neighborhood signs, repairs of a historic foundation, etc. One stipulation was that any of the new improvement(s) to a neighborhood had to last at least 25 years or more. The approved grant money from Springfield was directed through the Peoria Neighborhood Alliance. From there, grant money was finally directed to the Uplands. This process was several years in the making and countless hours of paperwork



(which is very common when receiving grant money). This is a brief synopsis on how we received our beautiful signs. I personally believe that our signs are an example of government money well spent. If you would like to share your thoughts on the new signs, please let your state representative know. Send a brief e-mail, write a letter, or even call.

Representative Jehan A. Gordon (D) - Previous General Assembly (96th), 92nd District. District Office: 300 E. War Memorial Drive, Suite 303, Peoria, IL 61614.

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Sincerely,

BURGIT SMITH

Uplands Residential Association Meeting Thursday, October 10th, 2012 • 7:00 p.m.

Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church
1316 W. Columbia Terrace

7:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order

- Welcome and Introductions - President Burgit Smith
- Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings - Secretary Lindsey Clayton
- Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Melissa Stevenson

Committee Reports

URA Representatives to Outside Organizations

- Bradley Institutional Planning
- West Bluff Council
- Peoria Alliance
- Greenway

New Business

Adjournment

Uplands Residential Association Officers:

President: Burgit Smith

1500 W. Parkside Dr., 674-0567, burgitpaul@yahoo.com

1st Vice President: Daniel Armich

1104 N Glenwood Ave., danielarmich@yahoo.com

2nd Vice President: Desiree Kane

1313 W. Columbia Terr., dez.kane@gmail.com

Treasurer: Melissa Stevenson

1517 W. Columbia Terr., 256-0649,
melissarstevenson@sbcglobal.net

Secretary: Lindsey Clayton

1414 W. Columbia Terr., mrs.lindseyclayton@gmail.com

Open Discussion of Traffic Redesign at October URA Meeting

Please come to the October URA meeting to provide your viewpoints about our neighborhood's needs for the redesigned intersection at University and Main.

URA VP Dan Armich's Public Traffic Meeting Notes

- Based on the current long range plans, e.g. Heart of Peoria Plan, there are three major options available that the City has looked at.

- a) raised table intersection with no change to existing lanes.
- b) single lane round about.
- c) reduction to three lanes for all streets and increased sidewalk area.

- The City has stated that although these are the three ideas they have currently, the City traffic engineers are open to other ideas as well.
- There are both supporters and critics of the round about concept
- The main issues brought up by residents of the surrounding neighborhoods and people who

work in this area are that the intersection be more pedestrian friendly than it is today and that the intersection be safer.

- Other topics that were stated by members of the audience members were an all red light time, underpasses for pedestrians, over-street walkways for pedestrians, walkable sidewalks, and the left hand turn into Avanti's.



Dues

If you haven't already done so, please pay your annual dues of \$10.00! Thank you to the neighbors who have paid their 2013 dues. Thank you also to those who have donated extra money to our beautification fund. Now that winter has finally passed (hopefully) you will start to see the boulevards take shape again with flowers and plants and these contributions help make this possible. If you have not paid your dues yet and/or would like to donate to the beautification fund, it's not too late! Please fill out the form below and send with your check. In 2012, your annual dues helped pay for the following:

- Annual Picnic = \$449.28
- Signs for the Picnic (to be used annually) = \$64.95
- Neighborhood Directories = \$615.00
- Printing of The Uplander (discounted rate) = \$84.00
- Post Office Box = \$58.00
- Gifts (Webmaster & Newsletter Editor) = \$100.00
- Wreaths & Bows (Replacement for Columbia Terrace & N Parkside) = \$182.66

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION 2013 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name _____ Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail address _____ (This is for Association use only. It will not be divulged to anyone.)

Would you be willing to volunteer with:

- Block Captain
- Newsletter Delivery
- Traffic
- Parking
- Safety
- Beautification
- Long-Range Plans
- Zoning/Land Use

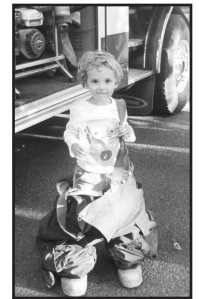
Send completed form and check payable to Uplands Residential Association Treasurer Melissa Stevenson, P.O. Box 6532 Peoria, IL 61601-6532. **Dues are \$10** and allow the neighborhood to do many good things. Please consider a donation to the Neighborhood Beautification Committee.

_____ YES! I/WE will pay our \$10 association dues, and contribute and additional \$ _____ for beautification.

Bike Parade & Uplands Picnic!

Thank you to our wonderful Board, Burgit, Dan, Melissa and Lindsey all worked with me to put on a lovely picnic. We are grateful to the Firefighters and Park District police who came by and let the kids see their vehicles. Thanks to our councilman Chuck Grayeb who came by and visited with the neighbors. And finally, thank you to the volunteers and Parkside families who help out every year, you make it so easy to put this event together.

We are truly grateful for all the neighbors who took time out of their busy schedules to connect with their community. This year we tried a porta-potty, due to suggestions from last year, so please let us know if you have any ideas for a better party experience. Sincerely, Desiree Kane, 2nd Vice President and Picnic Chair



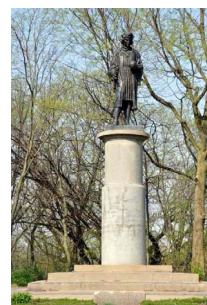
Columbus Day Celebration

Uplanders are cordially invited by the Italian-American Society of Peoria to attend the Annual Columbus Day Celebration at the Christopher Columbus Statue (Christoforo Colombo Statua) located in Upper Bradley Park on Sunday, October 13 at 3:30pm.

Every year the local Italian-American Society will have a commemoration to honor Christopher Columbus at the statue located in upper Bradley Park. This get together usually involves several speakers from the society as to remember the Italian influence within our community. Afterwards, there will be a potluck dinner at the pavilion near the tennis courts in lower Bradley park. Please feel free to join the Italian-American Society and celebrate Columbus Day with a delicious feast (festa).....dove mangiare!

Interested in joining the society for a relaxing afternoon in Bradley Park? Just bring a covered dish, drinks will be provided. Questions or concerns? Please contact Maureen Hallengan at 678-0184, cyt5106@gmail.com

The Italian-American Society was founded in Peoria, Illinois on October 5, 1929 by seventeen men of Italian descent. At that time its basic purpose was as a fraternal organization dedicated to the welfare of its members. It has grown substantially in both size and scope since those early years.



Today the Society's goals center not only on the welfare of its members, but also on that of the community. We continually strive to fulfill the dreams of those original founders by carrying on Italian tradition.

Additionally, our hand is extended to those of Italian descent and those desiring to learn more about Italian heritage to join the organization and become an integral part of the Society's future.

GET INVOLVED!

Do you want to know who to call with an idea or concern about something relating to the neighborhood? Do you want to become more involved with neighborhood issues but want to learn more about what is going on? Contact the chair-people of committees listed below with concerns or offers of help.

- Audit Committee Chair: vacant
- Code Violation Chair: Kara Harris, 672-9545 schlicksup@yahoo.com
- Long Range Planning Chair: Dan Armich, 287-1748
- Neighborhood Beautification Chair: J.R. Hinchee, 673-0873
- Neighborhood Safety Chair: Josh and Kara Harris, 672-9545, jeh579@gmail.com
- Parking Committee Chair: Barbara Drew, 672-0941, piercedrew@sbcglobal.net
- Traffic Chair: Ron Douglas, 357-0403, rkpjdouglas@comcast.net
- Zoning and Land Use Chair: Bernie Goitein, 637-0460, bjggoblue@aol.com
- Picnic Chair: Desiree Kane, 361-4362
- Garage Sale Chair: Kay Ahl, 674-1270
- Welcome Committee Chair: Lori Sheerin, 966-1770

Principal Gets Dunked

On Friday, September 13, 2014 Whittier Primary students had the chance to dunk our principal, Mr. Atkins! Each student had an opportunity with 1 throw to dunk him. Last year, students achieved their AR goal of reading over 16,000 books!!! We are continuing the challenge this school year with a goal of 20,000 books. Students wrote proposals to determine the fate of Mr. Atkins when Whittier Primary reaches the 20,000 book goal.



New Principal at St. Mark



Since 1922, St. Mark's School has been serving Peoria area students with academic excellence and this year continues that tradition...St. Mark's School is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Noreen Dillon as its new principal. Previously at Bradley University, Dr. Dillon holds a Doctorate in Education Administration and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. Originally from the Chicago area, she was a Bradley University Certification Officer and Clinical Coordinator for 10 yrs. Visit our website, saint-mark.net or contact the school office at 676-7131 and see what St. Mark's School has to offer your children. Like us on facebook and follow us on twitter smspeoria.

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FOR \$25 YOU CAN ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION) IN OUR NEWSLETTER.

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ADS WILL BE RUN IN THE ORDER THEY ARE RECEIVED. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PLACE AN AD, PLEASE CONTACT DAN ARMICH VIA EMAIL AT DANIELARMICH@YAHOO.COM