



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

President's Comments

Hello neighbors! As most of you know by now that the intersection of Main Street and University will need to be rebuilt and updated due to a water main break a few months ago. The rebuilding of this intersection is in the planning stage and the city would like to hear input from the neighbors who live adjacent to this intersection. Also, keep in mind, during the construction process the Uplands will likely become a convenient neighbor for "cut through" traffic. For example, Can you imagine the amount of traffic that can occur on Columbia Terrace because of this? Ouch! Related to the traffic process, our membership meeting held on October 10th, 2013 yielded the following suggestions for traffic safety in our neighborhood related to the intersection work:

- Sidewalk bump outs; either physically narrowing the street at intersections or visually narrowing the streets at intersections.
- Making some of the minor streets one way or closing them to Main Street.
- Diverters similar to University East neighborhood.
- More police enforcement (stop signs, speeding, etc.).
- Defined (painted) crosswalks.
- Marked parking along the sides of the street on Columbia Terrace.
- Signs for no right turns into alleys; this came from the idea that if the right lane going south on University is turned into parking, it effectively means the right lane prior to that point becomes a right turn lane into our neighborhood.
- Raised tables at all alley intersections and all Columbia Terrace intersections.
- Large concrete obstruction in the middle of all Columbia Terrace intersections that forces vehicles to navigate around them.
- Signs indicating you are entering a residential area either on University off of the highway or in the Uplands.

Would you like to learn more? On November 14th at our monthly neighborhood meeting, Mike Rogers, Director of Peoria Public Works, and Chuck Grayeb, Councilman District 2, will be on hand to inform us on the near future of this project. This meeting will held at 7pm on Thursday, November 14th at Bradley Epworth Church (enter through the side door, basement level.) Feel free to give your input or simply listen and learn what's in store for our neighborhood.

For Your Information, here is the contact information for Councilman Grayeb, your city councilman representing The Uplands. Chuck Grayeb, 2nd District Council Member May 2013 – Current. Contact Info: 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, IL 61602, Cell: 309-213-6629, Email: cgrayeb@peoriagov.org

Sincerely,

BURGIT SMITH

Uplands Residential Association Meeting Thursday, November 14th, 2013 • 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:

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Secretary: Lindsey Clayton

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



The Uplands Residential Association
is on Facebook. Like us for current
news on the neighborhood!

Join the Uplands Yahoo Group! It's easy - just
go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uplands/>

Updated Website: Our website has been updated and now includes houses for sale in the neighborhood. Visit www.TheUplandsPeoria.com to check it out!

URA Meeting minutes 10/10/13

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Treasurer's report: The available balance is \$1050.61 with \$297.16 dedicated to the beautification fund. The following deposits were made: membership dues - \$50, beautification fund - \$10, picnic donations - \$33. The following debits were made: Community Foundation of Central IL (neighborhood association conference) - \$125, Peoria Park District (movement/reservation of picnic tables) - \$100; Haddad's (hamburgers) - \$114.05, Desiree Kane (picnic supplies) - \$189.67. Total paid members - 81.

Greenway: The greenway is always looking for volunteers and has spots available in the community garden, contact Dan Armich if you are interested in learning more. Currently in process of accepting the former gas station.

No Bradley Planning report.

No West Bluff Council report.

No Peoria Alliance report.

Motion to purchase 2 drive slow signs for \$60.00 from American Sign and Design carried. May purchase more in the future if desired.

Discussion of traffic calming measures the city is considering for University and Main, the neighborhood supports traffic calming measures as long as cutting through the neighborhood is not more attractive than going through the main intersection. Residents discussed options for traffic calming in the neighborhood to coincide with city work at main intersection including: marked crosswalks, increased enforcement, sidewalk bump outs, roundabout in neighborhood, marked parking, raise table on alleys.

The principal of St. Mark did not attend the meeting.

Councilman Grayeb will attend the next membership meeting 11/14.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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. Hopefully you saw the boulevards take shape this year 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 an additional \$_____ for beautification.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Kristina Corso
1200 N Glenwood Avenue

Josh McCarthy & Ashlee Heid
1018 N Parkside Drive

James Kemper Family
1630 W Parkside Drive

Abbey & Nicholas Mitchell
1106 N Maplewood Avenue

Brianna & T.J. Paluska
1114 N Glenwood Ave.

Karin & M. Timothy Power
1609 W Columbia Terrace

Joe Stevens
1031 N Maplewood Avenue

Allison & Jake Turner
1023 N Elmwood Avenue

Erin & Matt Tyler
1506 W Parkside Drive

Jerry Wickham & Heather Hermann
1210 N Parkside Drive

We are looking for a new
chairperson and volunteers for the
neighborhood welcome committee.

If you are interested in learning
more, please contact Melissa
Stevenson at 256-0649.

Please plan to attend the next neighborhood meeting Thursday, Nov. 14th at 7:00 PM. Councilman Chuck Grayeb will be in attendance to talk about the traffic Main and University redesign and other issues. Director of Public Works Mike Rogers is also supposed to attend with Councilman Grayeb. We would like to show our support for the redesign and voice our concerns about how this project impacts our neighborhood.

Thank you,

Dan Armich
URA 1st VP

For Your Information:

Directory: The URA has included a supplement for our neighborhood directory with this month's newsletter. This supplement page includes "up to date" new residents within our neighborhood. This insert also contains the neighbors on the 1100 and 1200 block of Maplewood, who were mysteriously omitted from our last directory. Just simply fold the inserts and put them in your neighborhood directory. Thanks.



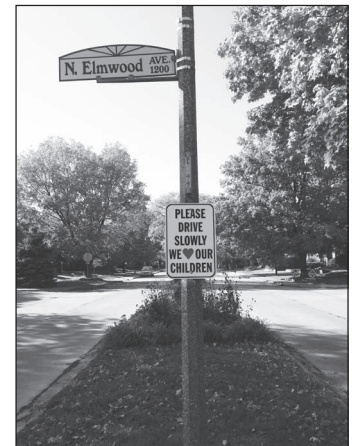
Landscape Waste: November 29th (the Friday after Thanksgiving) will be your last day to dispose your leaves, sticks, and other landscape waste. Just a reminder, you cannot rake any leaves into the street(s). This is a code violation and you may be ticketed. It is best to dispose of your leaves using a designated plastic landscape waste "roll-a way" container or use the paper lawn waste bags.

Reminder: Just a reminder, there will be no December Uplands Residential Association meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9th at 7pm located at Bradley Epworth Church (enter through the side door, basement level).

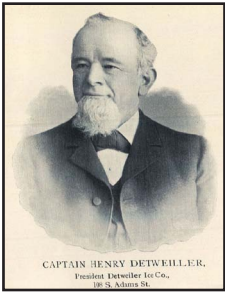
Holiday Wreaths: As you know the holidays are approaching quickly. This message is for those neighbors who store and hang the Uplands holiday wreaths on the street light poles in their designated areas. This year the URA will try to get the wreaths installed (with the aid of the Peoria Fire Department) on the boulevard light poles on the weekend of November 23rd. If you can hang your wreaths at this time would be great. Thanks.



Boulevards Signs: Have you noticed anything new with our neighborhood boulevards? You will see signs stating "Please Slow Down We Love Our Children," in select areas within our boulevards. These signs were put up by the URA to indicate to drivers that we really do love our children here in the Uplands and to send a message to drivers to "Please Slow Down!" We hope this will deter speeding throughout our neighborhood. This clever sign idea was implemented by Secretary Melissa Stevenson, who just happens to live on Columbia Terrace, a street know lots of speeding traffic. THANKS Melissa!



Did You Know?



CAPTAIN HENRY DETWEILLER was born in Lorraine, then a Province of France, but now of Germany, on the 19th of June, 1825. He was a son of Christian and Catherine Shertz Detweiller, both natives of France. His father was engaged in farming, milling, and in the transportation business, in which he accumulated a fortune. He had three large estates

situated in different parts of the Province, at which he was in the habit of entertaining the nobility, for weeks at a time, according to the custom of the day. He met with reverses, during the War of 1812 and '13, and died in 1832, a poor man.

In the spring of 1837, Capt Detweiller came to the United States, with his mother and three sisters, landing in New York, after a voyage of sixty-eight days. At the suggestion of an older brother, John, who had located in Peoria, in 1833, Captain Detweiller removed to that place. He was forty-two days on the journey from New York to Peoria, traveling from New York to Rochester, by boat; thence to Buffalo, by canal; thence by lake to Cleveland; from there to Cincinnati, by canal; thence by boat, down the Ohio and up the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, to Peoria. His mother and one sister died during the following year. Peoria had, at that time, about twelve hundred inhabitants.

After coming to Peoria, Captain Detweiller attended school and clerked for his brother, who kept the St. Croix Tavern, on Water Street— then the principal street of Peoria. He then clerked in the shoe-store of Charles W. McCellan, and afterwards, for Samuel Voris & Co. for the highly remunerative compensation of six dollars per month. The business of Peoria, with the outside world, at that time was chiefly transacted by water. Listening to the stories of steamboat Captains, and the talk of John Frink, of the firm of Frink & Walker, the mail and stage contractors of that early day, he conceived a strong desire to become a pilot on the river. Mr. Frink gave him an opportunity to go aboard the steamer "Frontier," then running as a mail and passenger packet from Peoria to Peru. Through the kindness of Mr. Frink, the Captain instructed the young man in the trade of the river and the secret of running and operating the boats. He was soon appointed Second Pilot, and was upon the boat, when the Steamer Panama ran into and sunk the "Frontier" at the "Towhead" above "The Narrows." This occurred early on the morning of September 2, 1842, just after the "Frontier" had left the village of Little Detroit, then situated on the eastern shore of the river, but which has since entirely disappeared. By running the boat ashore at the "Towhead," the forty or fifty passengers on board escaped without the loss of a single life, but the hull of the "Frontier" still lies at the bottom of the river, where it sunk sixty years ago.

SCHOOL CORNER

Whittier Works!

- We begin this week with our PBIS quarterly celebration. The entire school will be attending a women's Bradley Basketball game at the Renaissance Center.
- Students who meet their AR (Accelerated Reader) goal this month are invited to attend a Sock Hop in the gym!
- November 18, 2013 – Grandparent's Day – Breakfast and Classroom visits 8:15 – 10:15 am.
- Look, It's My Book! is a non-profit organization that was founded to augment the work of Adopt-a-School Program in Peoria District 150. In the 2013-2014 year students in Kindergarten through sixth grade will receive a free book 6 times a year! Thursday, November 7, 2013, Whittier will once again enjoy a free book. For more information, please visit www.lookitsmybook.org. All donations are tax deductible.

Mark Your Calendars for St. Mark Santa Breakfast and Cookie Walk



Presented by St. Mark's Boy Scout Troop and our Parish and School Association. Please join us for a breakfast buffet, cookie walk, and have your picture taken with our very special guest...Santa!

December 8 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Mark's School Gym (Questions?)

Call the school office at 676-7131

The following year, the Company built a new steamer "Chicago," on which he shipped as Second Pilot, under his old instructor, and continued upon that boat until it was withdrawn from the river, in the spring of 1844. He continued in that position, on other boats for a year. In 1847, he was made Captain of the "Gov Briggs" then in the St. Louis and Alton trade. At that time, owing to the war with Mexico, the boat carried many troops and much equipment from Alton to Jefferson Barracks below St. Louis. In 1848 and '49 he was First Pilot on different boats. The latter year was remarkable for the epidemic of malignant cholera. St. Louis was afflicted, and hundreds were dying daily. People were leaving the city upon the boats, as rapidly as possible. Captain Detweiller continued at his post until one night, while taking the steamer "Danube" to St. Louis, through over-work and loss of sleep, he was suddenly stricken with cholera, and had just time to ring the stopping bells before he fell to the floor of the pilot-house. Fortunately, a pilot on the Mississippi was aboard the boat and took his place. Mr. Detweiller was removed to Peoria, but, for nine months or more was unable to resume his duties. His Captain, at the time he was stricken, was seized with cholera the next trip, died and was buried at Pekin. To be continued...

http://www.peoriacountyillinois.info/bios/1902bios_d.html

Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Peoria County, 1902, pages 500-502