



# THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

## President's Comments

Hello everyone!

It appears the ongoing construction projects on University and Main and University and Columbia Terrace are moving right along. We're just past the mid-way point and entering the final stretch of this mammoth undertaking to improve our neighborhood and other areas of the West Bluff. The city has held three public meetings on this construction process to inform the citizens, as well as ask for our help on how to improve the overall design. I'm proud to say that the Uplands neighbors have attended these meetings in full-force and are responsible for spearheading many revisions to the original plan.

"The Uplands attendance and involvement at these public meetings has been impressive. This goes to show that the Upland neighbors are truly concerned for the future of their neighborhood and are stewards of good citizenry," stated Councilman Chuck Grayeb at the third public meeting.

Just think, by the time you receive the next newsletter (May), this project should be about finished. So a big shout out to the Uplands Neighbors for enduring and dealing with all the headaches that comes with big construction projects.

On Sunday, May 18th, Peoria will hold its 2nd annual River City Marathon. If you are new to the neighborhood, the route of this marathon will run right through the Uplands, closing many streets throughout the Uplands. The neighborhood will be somewhat chaotic as many streets will be closed and traffic surrounding our neighborhood will be re-routed. Hundreds of runners will enter the Uplands as early as 7:30am and will end around 12 noon.

If you have early plans on Sunday, May 18th, such as attending church, you may want to leave our neighborhood very early and perhaps not return until after 12 noon. For example, a neighbor of mine had mid-morning plans that day, so he woke up early and drove over to the parking lot at upper Bradley Park and parked his vehicle. Then at mid-morning, he walked over to his car and avoided all the traffic chaos. I know this might be an inconvenience to many; however, this is a great way to show off our beautiful neighborhood and at the same time an opportunity to be outside with wonderful neighbors supporting the runners for the kids of St. Jude.

Sincerely, *BURGIT SMITH*

## Uplands Trash Dumpster Day Saturday April 26th, 9am-12noon

Spring time is approaching very soon and what a perfect time to start sorting through any unwanted items to throw out. This year the city will provide the Uplands with a large roll-off dumpster. Please note, this dumpster is for non-landscape waste only!

The dumpster will be located directly in the center of the Uplands, Columbia Terrace at Institute. This will be a great opportunity to throw out any large bulky items that may be too large for regular garbage pick-up. However, one cannot just throw out anything. As you well know, there are rules to what you can and cannot throw out. You CANNOT throw the following items in the dumpster: Freon, Grease, Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Paint (in a liquid form), Biohazard Waste, Industrial Cleaners or Solvents, Computers, Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, Water Heaters, Air Conditioners, Humidifiers, Dehumidifiers, Tires, Propane Tanks, and Lead Acid Batteries.

## Uplands Residential Association Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2014 • 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



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/>

Visit our website:  
[www.TheUplandsPeoria.com](http://www.TheUplandsPeoria.com)

If you have information for *The Uplander*, please contact Brenda O'Russa at 673-2776 or [bkorusa@comcast.net](mailto:bkorusa@comcast.net)

Dear Uplands neighbors,

ShaZam Racing and Running Central are thrilled to announce the 2nd annual Peoria Marathon and River City Races to benefit St. Jude Runs!

This event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 18, 2014. The Peoria Marathon and River City Races promise to bring an experience that has something for everyone! We are offering participants the choice of running a 5K, Half Marathon, Marathon, Marathon relay, or kid's 1.2-mile race. This year the course will differ slightly from the 2013 course, but will start in downtown Peoria as it did for the inaugural event. From there, the course will take participants on a journey through many city neighborhoods that exemplify the characteristics of our community's historic past, our vibrant present, NS promising future. The course will end at the intersection of Main and Water Streets where participants and fans will have the opportunity to join the post-race party located at the CEFCU Center Stage.

We are excited to announce that the 2014 marathon route will be passing through your neighborhood! Last year we had 2000 participants and we are anticipating an even larger field this year! What makes an event like this special for participants, spectators and the entire Peoria area is when the whole community gets involved – with that being said, we would love for you and your neighbors to join us in making this event one to remember!

We would like to get some neighborhood parties marked on the course map and to have neighborhood residents get involved by bringing out boom boxes, popping the trunks of cars with music playing, leading a candy or snack station, hosting a water station, or just having a party in their neighborhood.

We would like to put markers on the actual map that say, for example, "Uplands Party." It can be themed party, such as "Uplands Awesome 80s" and we can include the name on the markers and can promote music and fun within the neighborhood. The idea being that when participants look at the map, they see there is a huge party at mile 6 and really look forward to getting there- this helps them get through the thought of 26.2 miles of running.

This will be like a block party for your neighborhood!! We are excited about the enthusiasm surrounding this event and look forward to having your neighborhood involved!

Go to this webiste for the updated course-  
<http://www.usatf.org/routes/view.asp?rID=536957>

Thank you.

Hannah Pflederer, Executive Coordinator  
Running Central, 4450 N. Prospect Rd. Suite C-1,  
Peoria Heights, IL, 61616  
hannah@runningcentral.com, office: (309) 676-6378

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## Dues

It is that time again! If you haven't already done so for 2014, please pay your annual dues of \$10.00. Thank you to those who have already paid. Please make checks payable to The Uplands Residential Association. If you are interested in donating extra money to our beautification fund please indicate this on the registration form below. You may include the additional amount on the same check as your dues.

In 2013 your dues helped pay for the printing of the monthly newsletter, the annual picnic, and the re-building of our account after 2012 expenses. We continue to plan for the future of The Uplands to make this the best neighborhood it can be and your dues help to make this possible! Please fill out the form below and send with your check.

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### THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION 2014 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain    | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety              | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Range Plans | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

## URA Meeting minutes 3/13/14

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's report: The available balance is \$1659.61.

Beautification fund balance is \$889.16. 42 paid members.

No Greenway report.

No Bradley Planning report.

No Peoria Alliance report.

West Bluff Council: Education committee met with the District 150 School Board President, President was supportive of neighborhood k-8 schools. Committee planning to meet with remaining board members and teacher's union president. Councilman Grayeb is also supportive of neighborhood schools. The council is looking into unregistered rentals and would like to investigate potential for landlord registration. Suggested the city re-institute regular inspections.

Uplands Easter Egg hunt will be Sat. April 19th.

A dumpster will be available in the neighborhood on April 26.

Neighborhood garage sale schedule for May 3.

Tour of Homes looking for houses to add to the tour, contact Sue Nowlan.

Uplands has been requested to host a water stop again this year for the Peoria River City Marathon.

Public meeting for traffic/construction schedule for 3/24. Will present/discuss updated plan. Discussion of police visibility in the neighborhood during construction. Cut through traffic a definite issue, but nice to see officers in the neighborhood.

No new information on the home invasion reported in the 1600 block of Columbia Terrace.

Discussed publishing options for updating the directory.

Looking for volunteers familiar with Access or other publishing software to help with directory design. Looking for neighbors interested in updating the URA Bylaws.

Neighbor Bernie discussed he is lobbying to increase services in the West Bluff including requesting libraries.

Motion to adjourn 7:45 pm.

## UPLANDS EASTER EGG HUNT

Please mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Uplands Easter Egg Hunt!!

We will be doing the Easter egg hunt a little differently this year:

Saturday April 19, 2014 at 10am at the Christopher Columbus statue in upper Bradley Park will be our traditional egg hunt.

Friday April 18, 2014 at 8pm at the Christopher Columbus statue in upper Bradley Park will be a glow-in-the-dark Easter egg hunt. This was designed for some of the older children to participate in but all ages are welcome!

If your child(ren) will be participating in the morning hunt, please provide 10 Easter eggs filled with candy or whatever you wish. If they will be participating in the dark Easter egg hunt, please provide 10 EMPTY Easter eggs per participating child.

You may drop off your eggs at my house, 1121 N Elmwood, anytime between now and Friday April 18. Last year, I hid over 400 eggs and everyone had a lot of fun! Hope to see you there! Kara Harris

### Welcome to our New Neighbors:

Darcy Leach - 1313 N Institute Pl

If you are new to the neighborhood and we have missed recognizing you, please contact Melissa Stevenson at 256-0649 or [melissastevenson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melissastevenson@sbcglobal.net)

## SCHOOL CORNER



St. Mark School is now accepting applications for students for the 2014-15 school year in March. Please contact the school at 676-7131 for more information.

The 13th Annual St. Mark's School Musical, Groovy, is April 25th at 7:00 pm, and April 26th at 1:30 and 7:00 pm. Don't miss out on this hilarious show about a bunch of kids putting on a free music concert for a good cause! Tickets go on sale April 1st. To purchase tickets contact the school office at 676-7131. Adults \$6, Students/Seniors \$4...Groovy!

### Whittier Primary School

A Substitute teacher at Whittier has openings for summer child care. Excellent References! Contact Marcia Wilson at 453 -6853.

### Uplands Residential Association Officers:

**President: Burgit Smith**

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**1st Vice President: Daniel Armich**

1104 N Glenwood Ave., [danielarmich@yahoo.com](mailto:danielarmich@yahoo.com)

**2nd Vice President: Desiree Kane**

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**Treasurer: Melissa Stevenson**

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[melissarstevenson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melissarstevenson@sbcglobal.net)

**Secretary: Lindsey Clayton**

1414 W. Columbia Terr., [mrs.lindseyclayton@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.lindseyclayton@gmail.com)

\*\*\*\*\*Election Coming Soon\*\*\*\*\*

**Uplands Residential Association Officer Election**  
**Thursday May 8th, 7PM**  
**Bradley Epworth Methodist Church**  
**(basement level, enter doors off Elmwood)**

Would you like to contribute more to your neighborhood? Are you the type of person who has the initiative to get things done? Would you like to get civically involved within the neighborhood? This message is just a reminder that in the month of May is "election month" here in the Uplands. An URS officer position holds their position for a 1 year term, from May-to-May. Keep in mind, anyone who is a resident and has paid their annual dues, can run for office (see requirements from Article IV from the bylaws below). On Thursday May 9th we will be electing our Uplands Residential Association Officer(s). The following are the positions you may run for are:

President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary

The following positions are currently held by the following officers:

President	Burgit Smith
1st Vice President	Dan Armich
2nd Vice President	Desiree Kane
Treasurer	Melissa Stevenson
Secretary	Lindsay Clayton

*From the Uplands Bylaws:*

Article IV-Membership

**Section 1:** Eligibility: All residents and non-residents owners of property in The Uplands, of age 18 or older are eligible for membership in the Association upon payment of dues. (FYI: Dues may be paid the day of election)

**Section 2:** Voting Rights and membership Dues:

- A. The annual dues for residents are \$10.00 per address per calendar year, with a maximum of 2 votes per address.
  - B. The annual dues for non-resident owner are \$10.00 per calendar year, with no more than 1 vote per non-resident owner regardless of the number of structures owned in the uplands
- For those of you who are interested in running for an officer position, here are the duties of each position:

**Duties of President:**

The duties of the President shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. presiding at all regular and special meetings of the Association,
2. overseeing the selection of and announcing in the written notice for the June meeting the planned schedule of the Association's regular meetings for the upcoming year,
3. serving as ex-officio non-voting member of all committees of the Association,
4. enforcing the by-laws of the Association,
5. notifying all other officers of any zoning or other notice received pertaining to the stated purposes of the Association
6. representing the Association to external bodies,
7. discharging any other duties which ordinarily pertain to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed by these bylaws and as the Association membership may from time to time direct

At the President's discretion, an executive meeting of the officers, (which may include the past president and committee chairs) may be called to discuss any upcoming issues and short notice issues.

**Section 3: Duties of the First Vice-President:**

The duties of the First Vice-President shall include, but not be limited to:

1. serving as President in the President's absence,
2. serving as ex-officio, non-voting member of all committees of the Association, and
3. chairing a standing committee.

**Section 4: Duties of the Second Vice-President:**

The duties of the Second Vice-President shall include, but not be limited to:

1. chairing the Block Captains Committee and Neighborhood Safety Committee
2. recruiting Block Captains
3. maintaining a current list of Block Captains, to be presented at the June meeting of the Association.

**Section 5: Duties of Secretary:**

The duties of the secretary shall include, but not limited to, the following be

1. taking minutes at all meetings of the Association and maintaining the written reports received at the membership meetings,
2. issuing calls for meetings at the direction of the President,
3. maintaining the by-laws of the Association,
4. serving as acting President in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents,
5. maintaining a database of dues-paying members as provided by the Treasurer,

**Section 6: Duties of the Treasurer:**

The duties of the Treasurer shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. maintaining account in a local bank in which to deposit Association funds
2. keeping an account of all receipts and disbursements
3. paying the bill of the Association
4. having the responsibility, along with the Block Captains, for collection of the annual dues from the eligible member of the Association
5. providing a current list of dues-paying members to the Secretary on a monthly basis
6. making a financial report to the membership at each regular meeting of the Association, including the most recent copy of the bank statement
7. verifying the eligibility of the voters and assisting the Secretary in tallying the vote at the membership meeting, and
8. provide the financial report to the Audit Committee and supporting documents at the end of each term.

If you have any questions regarding the roles of the positions, please contact the current officer. There is also the opportunity to hold a subcommittee chair position, including: Audit Committee, Code Violation, Long Range Planning, Neighborhood Beautification, Neighborhood Safety, Parking Committee, Traffic, Zoning and Land Use, Picnic, Garage Sale, and Welcome Committee. Contact Burgit Smith for more information about these opportunities.