



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

President's Comments

Hello Upland neighbors!

It is hard to believe that the mammoth construction project is nearly over. The city is planning to have a "ribbon cutting" ceremony on May 12th at the intersection of Main/University. This neighborhood has seen a lot of headaches since the end of March due to this face-lift in our part of the West Bluff. However, the end is near and now the Uplands will have updated features such as pedestrian friendly, bicycle, and ADA compliant crosswalks, "speed tables" to help reduce speeding cars that like to drive fast throughout the neighborhood, reduced traffic lanes on both Main Street and N. University thus creating a safer and quieter neighborhood, etc. Due to the pedestrian friendly crosswalks at Main /University, I anticipate more unique shops and restaurants opening on Main going east towards Sheridan Ave. to accommodate the increase in foot traffic. I can see more Uplands families walking up to Campus Town for dinner without having to decide whether it's safe or not cross busy streets. Hopefully, the modernizing of this area will make the Uplands, University East, and the Arbor District an even more desirable place to buy a home, making this part of "Old Peoria" more alluring. It may take 1 year, 5 years, or even 10 years to see if this construction project fulfills its entire obligation; in any case, it's nice to know this old neighborhood finally has updated upgrades.

Warmer spring-time weather is fast approaching. Unfortunately, pleasant weather means burglaries and other crimes increase. Studies have shown that burglaries dramatically increase in the spring and summer times. Many people open their windows this time of year to enjoy the pleasant weather. Just remember to lock your house windows along with your garage and autos. If you suspect suspicious behavior or see unfamiliar people roaming around the neighborhood, please call the non-emergency police number at 673-4521. Store this number in your cell phone. Remember, you can remain anonymous when calling the non-emergency number

I would like to inform you of an upcoming event. RC Race Management and Running Central are scheduled to host the second ever River City Marathon to benefit to Benefit St. Jude's Run. This marathon is schedule to take place on Sunday May 18th. What does this event have to do with the Uplands? Well, the marathon route will be passing through our neighborhood.

The race will start downtown, and then meander through other neighborhoods throughout the city, then passing through West Peoria. From West Peoria, the route will continue on Western Ave. to North Parkside, then north to West Parkside, and all the way to Elmwood. It will continue on Elmwood to Columbia Ter., then left on Columbia Ter (exiting the Uplands). If you have mid-morning plans on this day (such as going to church) you may want to leave the neighborhood very early in the morning and perhaps not return until after 12 noon. This marathon is so large that many surrounding streets will be blocked off. If you don't have plans on this particular day, why not walk up to one of the above streets, bring a lawn chair and cheer on the runners. Sit back, relax, bring some coffee, ice tea, or a Bloody Mary and let the runners know what a great neighborhood we have!

Sincerely, *BURGIT SMITH*

Uplands Residential Association Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 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

If you have information for *The Uplander*, please contact Brenda O'Russa at 673-2776 or bkorussa@comcast.net

Neighborhood Directory

It's hard to believe it's already been two years since we put together our neighborhood directory, but it has therefore we are looking to update, revise and print again.

We have advertising space available! If you are interested in placing an ad for your business or for any services you offer (lawncare, babysitting, house cleaning, etc.) please submit your ad via email to me at melissastevenson0405@gmail.com or drop in my mailbox at 1517 W Columbia Terrace with payment (payable to Uplands Residential Association).

Ads will be printed in black and white and are priced as follows:

1/4 page (business card size) = \$25.00

1/2 page = \$50.00

Full page = \$100.00

All Uplands houses will receive a copy of the directory.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions also.

-Melissa Stevenson
256-0649

Dear Uplanders:

Nathaniel and I are interested in gathering a Team Uplands for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The Relay starts at 6pm Friday, June 27 and goes until 7am Saturday, June 28. We don't have to stay the whole night.

As we understand the event - from Erin Genovese, our neighbor, who runs these relays for ACS - we essentially camp out on the field for as long as we are willing to stay, with one team member at a time walking around the track, so there is always someone walking.

We each pay a \$10 registration fee (which goes towards funds raised by our team), and they try to raise funds additional ways. The ACS sets as a goal that each person raise \$100 total, but there's no requirement to make that goal.

We thought this might be a really great thing to do with kids. For more information about Relay For Life, go to www.relayforlife.org. ACS just hired a new organizer, T.J. Klockenga, to staff this event - perhaps some of you know him.

Feel free to pass this along to others who might be interested. If you would like to join "Team Uplands" for the Relay, please:

- (1) email me
- (2) on the Peoria Relay event site, register to join Team Uplands

Thanks,
-Rebecca and Nathaniel
nathanielherz@gmail.com

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.

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 and additional \$ _____ for beautification.

URA Meeting minutes 4/10/14

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

No Greenway report.

No Bradley Planning report.

No Peoria Alliance report.

West Bluff Council:

- Education committee building support for neighborhood k-8 schools. Committee planning to meet with remaining board members and teacher's union president.
- Montessori school looking to buy old Washington school. Any use would require the building be brought up to code.
- WBC looking for nominations for the Pillar of the West Bluff Award.
- Main Street businesses looking to review pros and cons of forming special services district. Owners would pool money for landscaping/sidewalk maintenance/clean up. Modeled after Lincoln Park and Wrigley areas in Chicago.
- WBC is trying to get a grocery store on Main Street- Trader Joes?
- Car wash and apt. building demolished on Main Street due to trouble with the city. Councilman Grayeb looking into intended use.
- Asked for help getting a list of rentals/vacant houses in the uplands; Burgit will provide.

Treasurer's report: The available balance is \$1694.11. Beautification fund balance is \$946.16. 48 paid members. Discusses printing options for The Uplander. Uplands Easter Egg hunt will be Sat. April 19th. Neighborhood garage sale is scheduled for May 3rd. University East neighborhood is planned their garage sale for the same day, should increase traffic to ours. Kay Ahl is contact person.

Community garden

Most of us are aware of the idea of making garden spots in the midst of the city, and the movement to grow fresh food locally.

There is a garden plot in the Western Avenue Greenway which has been in use several years as a communal plot to raise food for local food banks. This year we will be offering plots for individual use. The plot size is 10 feet by 12 feet, large enough to grow fresh produce for the summer. The plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Depending on the number of people applying there may be more than one plot available per family.

The garden is located in the Greenway segment between Laura and Bradley. The garden area is accessible from the alley and parking space is available.

Please call Martha 674-4500 for more information if you are interested.



River City Marathon is coming through our neighborhood again this year. Event planners have asked neighborhoods on the route to have parties and music going on as racers pass by. Several possible party locations were discussed for our neighborhood.

Graffiti has been spotted around neighborhood- anarchy symbols mostly. If you notice anyone tagging property, please alert police.

Discussion of construction:

- Flooding occurring on Maplewood, Parkside, and Institute.
- Discussed sign placement on road humps and parking regulations. Please park at least 5 ft from alleys and bumps.
- Police presence is appreciated. Less than 20% of tickets issued have been given to neighborhood residents.

Need neighbors to volunteer for neighborhood board. Elections will be held at May meeting. All current officers have been serving at least two years, need to generate some turnover and get new people involved.

Gate at the alley behind Avanti's will stay open once construction is complete. Some sort of barrier will be in place.

Discussion of trying to get a restroom in Upper Bradley Park. Asked for volunteers to help with directory design. Hank Edley volunteered to help.

Discussed possibility of developing a mobile app for neighborhood and printing of car decals. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

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

*****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.