

(BURGLARS)

Most burglaries occur on weekdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The perpetrators are usually substance abusers in their twenties looking for easy-to-pawn items to raise quick cash. They look for homes that appear unoccupied during the day, are dark at night, and display signs of wealth (such as immaculate landscaping, expensive cars and fancy decks). They prefer homes that are secluded or shielded by fences or shrubbery. And they always prefer breaking in through a ground-level side window or back door.

Most burglars don't pick locks or break glass. That takes too long and makes noise and risks personal injury. Instead, they simply kick in a door (even doors with a dead bolt) or pry open a window or sliding patio door. In many cases, they take advantage of a home owner's carelessness by climbing through an open window or unlocked door (window screens and storm doors offer no protection). Burglars tend to shy away from homes with dogs and homes with an alarm system.

Once inside, burglars head right to the master bedroom looking for gold and jewelry, cash, furs and guns. Next, they scoop up prescription drugs from the bathroom and finish up with laptops and smartphones. Then they hightail it out.


Your job is to make your home less target-worthy, frustrate their attempts to break in and limit your losses if they manage to get inside. Thanks.

Welcome to our New Neighbors:

1120 N Elmwood Avenue
Stephen and Sandra Taylor

1111 N Institute Place
Gina Kennedy and Kirk Sheckler

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



UPLANDS BOOKCLUB
A group of Uplanders are starting a book club.
The first meeting will be held on August 20 at 7pm at 1119 N Glenwood Ave

Questions? Contact Gillian Porter at 512-968-7364

Recent Follow-ups from Junes 'Special Traffic Meeting'

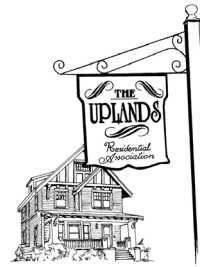
The Public Works Department, in consultation with Councilman Grayeb and City Administration, have developed the following short term action steps to address the traffic situation in the neighborhood. Councilman Grayeb wishes to thank everyone in the Uplands for the enormous amount of constructive, friendly and problem solving emails on the topic. City staff will continue monitoring the situation and make changes as necessary. Long term, we will be able to do more with optimizing the traffic signals and possibly additional traffic calming measures such as speed bumps or a chicane on Columbia Terrace. We want to ensure that the cumulative effect of all of the measures, including the pedestrian crosswalks are having the desired effect of slowing down traffic to discourage cut through traffic. As a public city street, nothing can prevent others from driving through the neighborhood. If the time to drive through the neighborhood is longer than the time to drive through the Main/University intersection, then motorists will alter their behavior. Once Bradley returns in the fall, additional traffic counting will be done, and we will meet again with the neighborhood association.

Additional Traffic Calming Measures:

1. Install an additional "No Turn on Red" on the University and Columbia Terrace mast arm, next to the signal head, for southbound University traffic. This was done this Thursday, July 17. The sign shop removed the old signs and replaced them with two new signs, on the pole and one on the mast arm.
2. Field check turn restriction signs on Main Street to turn north into the Uplands, to make sure they are visible. The review was to be done by Friday, July 18. Any replacement signs will follow in the next few days. Any that require a JULIE will be mid next week.
3. Work up chicane (build-out) trial for Columbia Terrace. Public Works is designing a trial to be temporarily installed with the extra wide delineators that were removed from Washington Street. Based on discussions, a set of 3 chicanes would be needed on westbound Columbia Terrace between University and Elmwood (for westbound cut-thru) and a set of 3 on eastbound Columbia Terrace between Maplewood and Glenwood (for eastbound cut-thru). This work would be planned for the week of July 21.
4. Make the Uplands a 20 MPH. The Illinois Vehicle Code permits the City to lower the speed limit in an urban area to 20 mph. A traffic regulation has been drafted for execution by the City Manager. This draft can be circulated by the end of the week of July 21 with the signs going up the following week. If JULIE's need to be called then a few more days.
5. Establish a 3-way stop at Columbia Terrace and Maplewood. This will make all intersections along Columbia Terrace in the Uplands all-way stop. A traffic regulation will need to be drafted. This can be drafted and circulated by the end of the week of July 21 with the signs going up the following week. If JULIE's need to be called then a few more days.
6. Sign the 4 north most east-west alleys off of University "no entry except garbage trucks." A measure to try to prevent cut-thru leakage through the alleys. A traffic regulation will need to be drafted. This can be drafted and circulated by the week of July 21 with the signs going up the following week. If JULIE's need to be called then a few more days.
7. Investigate what it would take, including staff time and cost, to convert the signal at University and Columbia Terrace to split phase for the east/west traffic. The Traffic Engineer notes that a split phase will take green time from University, which will increase delay and frustration on University, which is a prime reason for cut through. It will also lengthen the red phase out of the Uplands, between green phases, so it may add to frustration there. This will take a few weeks to work out.

This is the initial list so far. Thanks and we look forward to additional feedback from my fellow Uplands residents.

-Patrick Urich, Peoria City Manager, 407 W. Parkside Dr.



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

President's Comments

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is having a great summer. Since the completion of the recent construction projects, the "buzz" here in the neighborhood is dealing with all the boondoggles post construction. We are experiencing speeding, roll-through, cut-through traffic, etc., in some cases, more than pre-construction time. The neighborhood hosted a special meeting dealing with these problems on July 10th at Westlake Hall on the campus of Bradley University. The turnout was very impressive. I was amazed with the passion level of our residents. The Uplands neighbors showed up in full force and loaded with questions, suggestions and advice to the Peoria officials on trying to solve the traffic in this neighborhood.

Mike Rogers, City Engineer with the City of Peoria, said very early in the meeting, "We're here to listen to you." The Uplands Residents came prepared and let the city officials know that there is a big traffic problem here in the neighborhood and want answers on how to fix the problems created by the recent construction projects. Even with all the planning and engineering involved with this type of project, it's amazing how certain things such as traffic problems still exist. Mike Rogers stated, "One can use all the greatest engineering techniques available in designing this type of project, but it is YOU! who knows what works and what doesn't work." I would like to say that I am very proud of our neighbors speaking up to our city official and letting them know that we have a problems here and here is what is going to fix it. Remember, if there are any suggestions, comments or design ideas, PLEASE send your info to our city engineers:

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Mike Rogers: MTRogers@peoriagov.org

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Our next Uplands Residential Association Meeting will be August 14th at 7pm at Bradley Epworth Church. This will be a regular neighborhood meeting. A special meeting regarding traffic issues here in the Uplands has not been scheduled yet. The next special public meeting regarding traffic issue will probably happen after the Bradley school year starts. I will inform you as soon as I hear of the next meeting.

Sincerely, *BURGIT SMITH*

Uplands Residential Association Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 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

Uplands Residential Association Officers:

- President: Burgit Smith**
1500 W. Parkside Dr., 674-0567, burgitpaul@yahoo.com
- 1st Vice President: Daniel Armich**
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1313 W. Columbia Terr., dez.kane@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Melissa Stevenson**
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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!

Visit our website: www.TheUplandsPeoria.com

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

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

Neighborhood Directory

Many neighborhoods find it useful to create a directory of its residents. Directories provide a good tool for connection with your neighbors, sharing information, making a contact in an emergency, and helping with daily needs such as baby sitting, pet sitting, etc.

It has been 2 years since we introduced our first ever neighborhood directory. Our goal was to update info every 2 years and would like to have it distributed by early fall time. Our new directory will have a totally new look and you will have the ability to lookup neighbors by street address or by last name.

The main part of the directory is focused on the residents. If you were not around for our last directory and would like to be a part of it or if you were in our last directory and would like to make some revisions, simply e-mail or phone:

Burgit Smith: burgitpaul@yahoo.com, 674-0567
Melissa Stevenson: melissastevenson@sbcglobal.net, 256-0649

Information that could be useful includes:

- Names of owner/residents
- Phone numbers-home, business, cell
- E-mail addresses

Remember, you can opt out of the directory if you wish. Also, the information we gather for the directory will not be used for solicitation.

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:

- 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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A BLOCK PARTY! West Parkside Fall Fest

The residents on West Parkside Drive are hosting a block party for all the neighbors who reside in the Uplands. Folks, let's face it; we all had a long hard winter followed by the recent construction projects here in our neighborhood we decided that you need to relax and enjoy some live music and visit with some of your fellow neighbors.

Date: Saturday, September 6th
Where: Intersection of W. Parkside & InSTITUTE
Time: 5pm to 10 pm
Entertainment: "New Cats on the Block"
(bluegrass music)

We will have West Parkside closed from Glenwood to Elmwood. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs, games (such as bags), bicycles, tricycles, etc.

- Food? There will no grills; however, you may want to bring sandwiches, snacks, etc.
- Beverages? You may want to bring you own water or favorite beverage, although there will be a keg of cold beer provided.
- The Band? Some of the band members that will be entertaining us are from right here in the Uplands and they will be playing bluegrass music. The band is playing for free; however, we will have a donation jar for their efforts.

Questions? Contact Burgit Smith at burgitpaul@yahoo.com or Dave Bartolo at davebartolo@gmail.com

Uplands RA Membership Meeting 6/12/2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Discussion of traffic:

Neighbors John and Camille Gibson hosted a meeting on 6/4 with city officials on their porch to discuss traffic calming in the uplands. Traffic was counted throughout the meeting, totally 311 vehicles on Columbia Terrace, this number was said to align with expectations; though city reps did acknowledge this number is likely to increase when Bradley is in session. Neighbors discussed meeting outcomes and other traffic issues including speeding, ineffectiveness of raise cross walks, and running stop signs. During meeting with the Gibson's, city officials also stated that repair work on the water main on Columbia Terrace was likely imminent in the near future. They noted the construction will force those cutting through to find alternative routes which may permanently reduce traffic in the neighborhood. Special meeting proposed to discuss traffic with city officials. Motion carried to write a letter to the city on behalf of the Uplands neighborhood and request meeting with city personnel.

Burgit agreed to arrange special meeting.

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: 6 more people paid dues, \$35 was added to the beautification fund, \$27.50 paid to St. Paul's for newsletter printing. Total balance = \$1861.61, of that \$991.16 is allotted for beautification.
- West Bluff Council: no report
- Greenway: request for volunteers, particularly if you are able to help mow, 11/12 community garden plots are full, cocktail party at Goetz's house to benefit greenway – date TBD
- Peoria Alliance: no report
- Bradley Planning: no report

Other business:

- Neighborhood directory to be updated this summer; we hope to deliver to residents this fall.
- Block party scheduled for Sept. 6; Elmwood also may be doing a block party this summer.
- We hope to have neighborhood night at the Chiefs game as well.
- Discussion of ideas to increase membership.
- Reminder for upcoming garden walk.
- Question of when flower boxes on bump outs at Columbia Terrace and University would be in place.
- Reminder gate at the alley to Elmwood from Avanti's will remain open.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Welcome Back!

Whittier Primary School looks forward to opening our doors for the 2014-2015 school year! We are ready for a great year of learning!

New student registration will be held at Whittier on Thursday, August 7 from 12- 4 PM and Friday, August 8 from 8-12 PM

Kindergarten Greet and Meet will be held on Thursday, August 14 from 4:30-5:30 PM. Kindergarten students should bring their supplies.

Monday, August 18 students will attend from 8:30-3:30 PM (full day). Breakfast, lunch, and latchkey services will be all available.

Questions? Please feel free to call the school at 309-672-6569.

Uplands RA Special Meeting – Traffic Calming 7/10/2014

Presenters:

- Councilman Chuck Grayeb
- City Engineer Scott Reeise
- Public Works Director Mike Rogers

Notes from Chuck Grayeb's opening:

- Addressed questions about removal of raffic barriers in University East, states they were in disrepair and need another solution, neighborhood no longer wanted to be closed off
- Acknowledged history of complaint of cut-through traffic in the Uplands; suggested permanent solutions would be implemented to fix the problem

Notes from Scott Reeise and Mike Rogers:

- Plan needs to be sustainable (require minimal maintenance)
- Possible solutions will be presented, request for input from neighbors
- Tues 6/24, traffic through uplands was monitored and compared to previous measurements taken 6/1/2006 (neither count represents student traffic); the findings were as follows:

- Peak hours of traffic were 4-6 for all neighborhood streets
- Main and University experience an Average Daily Traffic (ATD) ~ 20,000 vehicles
- ATD on eastbound Columbia Terrace decreased from 2006 measurement; all others increased between 20-150 vehicles per day.

- Three items considered when investigating traffic calming effectiveness – speed/volume, safety, and maintenance.
- Possible solutions for Uplands:

- Turn restrictions
- Reduced speed limit
- Pavement markings (stop bars/cross walks)
- Marked parking
- Bike lanes (City of Peoria investigating bike lane strategy for entire city)
- Chicanes (islands in road way that force traffic to weave around them)
- Speed humps
- Speed tables/raised tables (we have raised cross walks)
- Increased enforcement

Notes from Q and A:

- Dissonance among neighbors on extent of traffic issue/type of issue. Complaints were heard about:

- Traffic volume
- Traffic speed
- Running/rolling stop signs on Columbia Terrace
- Fire truck/emergency vehicle access to uplands from CT
- Wait time at CT and University stop light

- Suggestions from neighbors on measures we would like to see taken in neighborhood:

- Relevant sign placement and increased signage
- Traffic light timing/protected left at CT and University
- Education/signage promoting alternative routes, especially for charter vehicles seen cutting through the neighborhood
- Reduced speed limit
- Chicanes or other compulsory measure to force traffic to respond (unlike stop signs)
- Increased enforcement
- More speed humps
- Cul-de-sac each street

- Many solutions aimed at reducing speed, neighbors would like more suggestions to reduce volume

City will consider suggestions and present updated plan for traffic calming in another meeting.