



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 22nd. If you can hang your wreaths at this time would be great. Thanks.

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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 bkorusa@comcast.net



Landscape Waste

November 28th (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-away" container or use the paper lawn waste bags.

Also, if you see that a storm drain is clogged with leaves that is causing flooding on the street, you can call Peoria Cares at 494-2273. By calling this number, the city will dispatch a crew to fix the problem.

UPLANDS BOOKCLUB

The next meeting will be held on November 4 at 7pm
1119 N Glenwood Ave.

The book this month is:



Orphan Train
by Christina Baker Kline

Questions?
Contact Gillian Porter
at 512-968-7364



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

President's Comments

As I stated in October's newsletter, the Uplands will be getting brand new water lines installed in the near future. At our last neighborhood meeting, representatives from Illinois American Water were in attendance to inform you on this project. Our water lines, many over 100 years old, present a problem with proper water pressure for our fire department to put out house fires in this neighborhood. Presently we have the old 4" water lines which produce 250 gallons per min. The water company would like to replace these old lines with 8-12" lines, as to increase water pressure to 2000 GPM. This increase in pressure will be most adequate for today's fire fighting equipment.

Here is a quick synopsis on what Illinois American Water proposes to do: The water company wants to shift the water service lines to the front of you house and eliminating the water lines which a currently located in the alleyways. They will want to trench an area right through the middle of your the street to lay down the new 8-12" water lines. Doing so will of course break up the street and certainly causing a short-term inconvenience to most. From this newly laid water line, they will simply install a "tee connection" to the new water line and install a perpendicular line right to your front yard. In your front yard, a small well will be installed (approximately 40" deep) with a cover on top which will lay flush to the grade of your lawn. Why the well in your front yard? Well, this is where your water meter will be now located. The meter now currently in your basement will be eliminated. This is common practice in newer subdivisions.

The water company will then install a brand new line from this newly installed well right to the inside of your house. The water company will use a machine which will horizontally drill under your yard at the proper depth to minimize destroying parts of your yard. Just so you know, the new water line may not enter your home at the same location that it is presently entering your home. Once the new line from your front yard well line enters through your basement foundation, a plumber will then do the proper "hook-up" to your existing plumbing.

Presently, Illinois Water is pretty much at their budget stage in planning this project. They currently do not have a contractor hired to survey or service this endeavor. Ideally, they would like to start either in February or March of 2015. This undertaking will last all spring and summer. The work should be completed sometime in November of 2015. Caution: This is only a

projection! Remember, this time line can change. In fact, they may not start this project until February 2016. We just don't know at this time. The URA will keep you updated as soon as we here of any definite information.

My 97 year old house like most of your homes, for example, still has the original water line which connects to the main located in the alley. This horizontally run water line is probably made with lead or galvanized metal, and is most certainly corroded from the inside of the pipe, thus, restricting proper water flow. This restricted water flow will be eliminated with our new water lines. All one has to do now is re-plumb their inside. Replace old galvanized pipes with modern pipes and you will have 100% modern water pressure flow through out your house. How nice would that be?

Changes in the Bylaws - Update.

As stated in October's newsletter, I proposed an increase in our annual neighborhood from \$10.00 per year to \$20.00 per year. Doing so will require a change in our neighborhood bylaws.

Here are the steps in the amendment process taken from the bylaws:
Section 5: First Meeting; Debate and Discussion: In the first regular membership meeting following such notice there shall be discussion and debate of the proposal(s). There shall be no vote taken.

In other words, we will have a discussion and debate on the proposed increase in our annual neighborhood dues. This will take place at our November meeting.

The last step in the process is:
Section 6: Second Meeting; Vote: In the second regular membership meeting following such notice, the vote of the dues-paying membership to adopt or reject such proposal(s) shall be taken. The proposal(s) is (are) adopted if approved by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the dues-paying membership in attendance at the meeting. The membership may accept or reject the proposal(s) in whole or in part

This process will take place at our January meeting.
Sincerely,
BURGIT SMITH

Now 16 Weeks!
January 10-May 2, 2015
Orientation & Kickoff on
January 10th

Attend an informational meeting on:
November 6 at 12 pm
November 18 at 4:30 pm
December 9 at 12 pm

(309) 282-1543 • peoriaparks.org/biggestloser

BIGGEST LOSER
at the RiverPlex

Winter Break Camp

Ages 5-12 • 7 am-5:30 pm
Dates: December 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 & January 2, 5
\$30-\$34 per day

Games • Swimming • Holiday Arts and Crafts
Sport Activities • Exergaming • Rock Climbing Wall

(309) 282-1508 • peoriaparks.org/riverplex-camps

Uplands Parking Stickers

If you are an Uplands resident and live in the designated area(s) which require a parking permit sticker (if you choose to park on the street), here are some useful tips: Remember, you have to physically go down to the courthouse to obtain your sticker each year. You cannot receive your permits or pay via mail, email, etc. Parking stickers are valid from Jan to Dec each year.

City Treasurer/Township Collector

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Peoria, IL 61602

Phone: (309)494-8545

E-Mail: treasurer@peoriagov.org

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

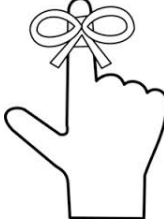
If you are an Owner of an Uplands home:

- Show driver's license and vehicle registration for each car that will require a parking sticker.
- \$10.00 for each vehicle

If you are living in a rental home (Bradley Students, etc.):

- Show driver's license and vehicle registration
- Show copy of your rental lease
- \$10.00 for each vehicle

Forms of payment: cash, check, no credit cards, no debit cards



Reminder

Just a reminder, there will be no December Uplands Residential Association meeting in December.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday January 8th at 7pm located at Bradley Epworth Church (enter through the side door, basement level).

NEW UPLANDS EMAIL!

To simplify communication between residents and the URA board we have created an Uplands email address. Should you need to reach a board member, please feel free to email any of us at:

theuplandspeoria@gmail.com

Please do not use this email address as a forum as we have the yahoo group for this purpose. Thank you.

Dues

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 an additional \$_____ for beautification.

Uplands RA Membership Meeting Minutes 10/9/2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Presentation from representatives from Illinois American Water:

- Water main construction is budgeted for 2015; construction will take most of the year, streets will be worked on in phases.
- New water mains must be brought to current code and will provide increase flow to fire hydrants. This include the main line to your house; if you still have lead pipes, make sure to negotiate with the water company to replace those as well.
- New water mains will be placed in city right of way of main roads; due to updated EPA regulations, they are unable to keep water mains in the alley. Alleys are 16 ft wide and there must be at least 10 ft of space between the water main and sewage; the sewers run through the middle of the alley, giving an 8 ft of space at maximum.
- At this point no plans have been made/approved. Water company will hire a contractor to perform the work and an engineering firm to work on the design. Once engineering firm creates design, the city must approve and the water company will need right of access to do work on your property. Mains will be drilled using bores so surface damage should be minimal but the company is to leave items as they found them, including landscaping.
- Major concern expressed at having water meters placed at street level instead of on the alleys.
- Once a more defined plan is available, another meeting will be held for a Q&A with the water company.
- Main depths will vary between 60", 54" and 48" depending on placement, which should be below frost line.

Discussion of traffic:

City is looking for consensus on any additional measures to mitigate traffic through the Uplands due to controversy of installing temporary chicanes. The city is planning to conduct traffic and pedestrian counts at Main and University and will do additional traffic counts in the uplands. Cost and safety are prime concerns for changes to intersections.

Peoria Police Officers:

Soliciting is legal but there have been complaints in the area of solicitors misrepresenting themselves. If you suspect a solicitor is misrepresenting their self, report the solicitor name and company name. Solicitors must be licensed by the city and can have their license revoked if they are fraudulent. If reporting solicitors, use the non-emergency number. Non-emergencies and code violations can also be reported through the Peoria Cares website.

Officers clarified in order to issue a ticket for noise complaint, the complainant must be on the ticket/be willing to appear in court. Noise violations are written only to the responsible party. If minors are consuming at a house party, potentially all attendees can be ticketed for various offenses.

Crime in the uplands has been fairly low compared to other areas.

Officers recommended establishing a neighborhood watch.

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: no report
- West Bluff Council: no report
- Greenway: fundraising continues to be successful, and the greenway is always in need of volunteers.
- Peoria Alliance: no report
- Bradley Planning: no report

Discussion of dues:

President announced a proposal to increase dues in order to sustain association functions such as printing the newspaper and hosting/financing the neighborhood picnic. Due to a significant increase in the cost of printing the newsletter and low memberships (only ~25% of neighbors pay dues each year), the association will be unable to afford costs beyond next year.

Discussed how to more actively solicit neighbors to pay dues including asking volunteers for block captains to help collect dues on their blocks and setting up an Uplands PayPal account to allow paying dues online.

Additional discussion of reducing printing costs by offering an e-newsletter and issuing an opt-in policy to receive a printed copy.

City officials also suggested setting up a special services district for the uplands as a way to increase revenue. Uplands dues would be added to property taxes and funds could be used at discretion of neighborhood for items like boulevard landscaping, plowing alleys and sidewalks, neighborhood events, etc. Many neighbors were interested in this option.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Uplands Residential Association Meeting Thursday, November 13, 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