

School Corner

Whittier News:

We are off to a great start this year! Whittier School was presented with an award for PBIS Achievement and Success for the school year 2013 – 2014 from the Peoria Public Schools. There will be no school on Sept. 1, 2014 for Labor Day. An Open House is scheduled for Sept. 3, 2014 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

St. Mark Grade School News:

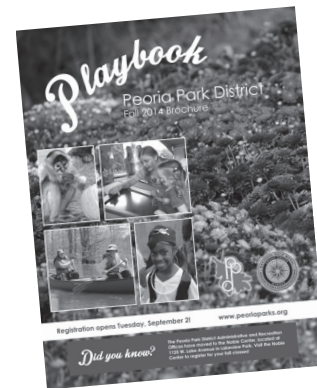
This past summer was a busy time at St. Mark School. We hosted Totus Tuus, a fun religious education program, Camp S'Mores, a three-week academic enrichment camp, and basketball camps for boys and girls. We also continue to make improvements to our school building and got a new roof this summer and brand new desks for almost all the classrooms. Students, staff, and priests participated in the West Peoria Fourth of July Parade, where our awesome float took first place in the juvenile division!

As great as summer was, the 2014-15 year will be even better. To our talented and experienced faculty, we welcome four energetic new teachers and one aide. Karen Campbell will be the new PreK teacher assisted by new aide Rita Merkle. Alyssa McClenthen is the new second grade teacher, Jennifer Campbell will be the new third grade teacher, and Ashleigh Koch will be instructing all of our students in music. All of our new teachers are recent Bradley University graduates!

We are also excited about our new writing curriculum, Lucy Calkins' Units of Study Writing Program, which will teach students opinion, informative, and narrative writing across the curriculum. To this program, we add expanded hours to our school library for a wonderful enhancement of our language arts.

We invite you to stop by St. Mark School to see all the exciting changes taking place!

Just Released! Fall 2014 Peoria Park District Playbook



Pick one up at local grocery stores, libraries and all Peoria Park District facilities, including the Franciscan Rec Complex in West Peoria.

REGISTRATION BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 2.

Inside you'll find:

Adult Sports Leagues
Arts & Crafts
Basketball
Dance
Fitness
Golf
Holiday Fun
Ice Skating
Music
Nature Classes
Soccer
Swim Lessons
Zoo Events
...and more!

www.peoriaparks.org



UPLANDS
BOOKCLUB

A group of Uplanders have started a book club!

The next meeting will be held on September 9 at 7pm at 1119 N Glenwood Ave.

The book this month is:
The Lost Art of Mixing
by Erica Bauermeister

Questions?

Contact Gillian Porter
at 512-968-7364

Welcome to our New Neighbors!

1114 N Maplewood Avenue
Jesse and Rachel Mitchell

1021 N Glenwood Avenue
Lane and Amy Beckes

1113 N Elmwood Avenue
Lori Wiebold

1514 W Columbia Terrace
Barbara Boldt

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



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

President's Comments

Hello everyone! September is finally here, the unofficial end of summer. It's hard to believe that autumn is right around the corner. This month is our neighborhood picnic. If you are new to the neighborhood, this event is a great way to meet your neighbors and a lot of fun for the kids. The picnic will be held at 5pm on Saturday, September 14th in upper Bradley Park located on North Parkside Drive (between the Columbus Statue and Main Street).

However, before the picnic there will be a bicycle parade for the kids. This unique event will start at 4:30pm just prior to the picnic at the corner of Columbia Terrace and Parkside Drive (in front of the Columbus statue). The kids need to show with their bikes, tricycles, roller blades, etc. (some kids decorate their bikes with streamers, ribbons, or wear costumes). The parade route will include West Parkside Dr. east to Glenwood, right on Glenwood to Columbia Terrace, right on CT to the starting point. The parade route will be barricaded off from traffic for the kids' safety.

After the parade, it's off to the picnic where there will be a fire truck from nearby firehouse number 3. The kids will get to meet and greet fire fighters and tour a fire truck first hand. Pretty cool, ah! The picnic area will have picnic tables provided, a porta-a-potty and is conveniently located near a lot of playground equipment. Hamburgers, hotdogs, lemonade and condiments will be provided. Just bring a dish to pass around. Sounds like fun doesn't it? Hope everyone can make it.

The Uplands have been notified by Illinois American Water Company that many of the water pipes within our neighborhood need to be replaced due to the age of the lines (many of the water lines are well over 100 years old). From my understanding this will happen within the next year or two. The water main break last year at University and Main is an indication of what may (will) happen throughout this neighborhood. This particular project, will of course, will have an effect on traffic within the neighborhood. Illinois American Water Co. would like to have a representative attend our October neighborhood meeting (October 9th) to give more details on this project and to answer any questions you may have. Please circle this date and I will inform you on any new information on this project.

Sincerely,
BURGIT SMITH

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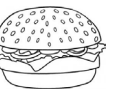
Saturday, September 13, 2014

Bike Parade 4:30pm

Start at Columbia Terrace & Parkside



Picnic 5:00pm
Upper Bradley Park



Hamburgers, hot dogs, & drinks will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Grillers Needed!

If you can help grill please arrive at 4:30pm

Feel free to bring chairs and lawn games
(ladder golf, bags, bocce ball, etc.)

REMINDER:

The Uplands Residential Association will not be having a scheduled meeting this month (September) due to our annual picnic. The next scheduled URA meeting will be October 9th at Bradley Epworth Church 7 pm.

Uplands Residential Association Officers:

President: Burgit Smith

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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

Unruly Houses

Now that school is in session and some of our rental houses become occupied, there may be an occurrence(s) of “unruly” renters. The Uplands has approximately 100 rental houses. Keep in mind, most rental houses in our neighborhood have tenants who are good neighbors and are well behaved. Unfortunately, there are some college rentals that have house parties and can be quite loud causing a menace to the neighborhood. Here are some tips if you are bothered my loud college house parties:

1. When you call in, get the specific house address number. This is very important for nuisance calls in the future.
2. You should store the non-emergency police number for Bradley Police in your phone 677-2000. Using this number connects you directly to the police dispatch on campus. Doing this will expedite the procedure more so than dialing 911.
3. If you fear retaliation from a “problem” house, by all means, you may remain anonymous. Just inform the dispatcher not to send a patrol car over to your house. If the officers need to talk to you in person, just plan to meet with them at another location. Perhaps you can drive to the campus police station to discuss your incident.
4. If you have an issue with a “problem” house and don’t want to deal with the Bradley Police, you may then dial 911 for City of Peoria Police. In fact, the Bradley Police and the City Police are partnered and both use the 911 system.

If you have any other specific questions, please call the non-emergency number 677-2000. There is a dispatcher on duty 24 hours a day.

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 so 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 Minutes 8/14/2014

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Request to amend minutes from 6/12meeting to include concern for volume of traffic through the neighborhood.

Reports:

- Treasurer’s Report: 9 more people paid dues, \$50 were added to the beautification fund, \$34.64 paid to Kara Harris for Easter Egg Hunt supplies. Total balance = \$2091.97, of that \$1041.16 is allotted for beautification. 72 total paid members.
 - Neighbors asked about use of funds to replace trees in the boulevards, JR updated that the city has a tree fund to plant trees on boulevards and right of way. Reach out to city for information and to request trees be planted in right of way, city will likely do fall planting. JR has reached out to city personnel with regard to planting in the neighborhood, but has not been able to get a response.
 - Neighbors also indicated the park district is responsible for trees in the Uplands right of way, if you have dead trees in the right of way, call park district for removal.
- West Bluff Council: no report
- Greenway: no request
- Peoria Alliance: no report
- Bradley Planning: no report

Discussion of traffic:

Concern expressed about not allowing traffic to enter E-W alleys from University. Concern expressed about unsafe speeds and cut through in the N-S alleys, particularly the alley between Maplewood and Parkside.

Traffic calming measures installed on Columbia Ter and Maplewood due to homeowner complaints. Members of block affected held a special meeting Saturday 8/9 with city officials (16 neighbors attended). Homeowners were concerned about the loss of street parking. Homeowners also voiced concern over lack of packing enforcement on permitted streets, particularly during events at Bradley. Concerns was also expressed about potential to destabilize neighborhood, plowing issues, and emergency vehicle response time. Concern was raised more properties would be rentals, currently there are 98 known rentals in the neighborhood, including houses on Main and University, accounting for about 20-25% of homes.

Discussion of cost/benefits of measures to reduce/calm traffic in the neighborhood. Loss of parking discussed; neighbors noted these are public streets and homeowners are not entitled to street parking. Neighbors also discussed the lack of effective communication from the city to notify neighbors of coming measures (chicanes and stop sign on CT at Maplewood) and implications.

More discussion of changes at Main and University, some neighbors are happy with the changes and some are not; however, the time to voice concerns was during the public meetings held prior to construction, now that construction is complete neighbors are asked to focus on what can be done in the neighborhood to mitigate issues. Patrick Ulrich reported city looked at numbers from traffic counts done in June and found most traffic volume in the neighborhood is coming from residents. About 30% of traffic is cut through traffic;

streets most impacted according to data are Parkside, Columbia Terrance, and Elmwood. Based on data collected, the city is looking to reduce speed of traffic in the Uplands. Enforcement in the Uplands has been increased. City is also conducting studies to optimize traffic signals in the area. Additional traffic counts will be done once Bradley is back in session. Neighbors asked for a longer recording time than 24 hours.

Neighbors noted that a behavior change was needed to mitigate traffic issues, not necessarily more traffic calming devices. Neighbors expressed changes at University left city without a good N-S thoroughfare. All stop and Main and University generally supported, loss of right turn lane on University to Main and CT to University not supported. Neighbors asked for data concerning need to enhance pedestrian safety on Main and University and whether changes were found to be effective. Neighbors asked if chicanes had been considered for the N-S streets, Patrick Ulrich said they had not but could be considered moving forward. Idea to discourage entrance to neighborhood. Permanent chicanes will be planters.

Traffic committee is existing but currently inactive. Neighbors were encouraged to reach out to president or traffic committee chair to determine how to productively move forward to discuss traffic issues in the neighborhood.

Neighbors also asked those unhappy with the changes to have patience. Changes have not been in effect long and we have not had a chance to see the true implication and effect of the changes and traffic calming measures in the neighborhood.

It was noted the water main on Columbia Ter would likely need replacement in the next two years. This construction will impact the neighborhood greatly and will restrict access but will give neighbors an opportunity to design neighborhood to force behavior changes and slow down traffic.

Other business:

- Chuck Grayeb expressed regrets he was not able to attend.
- Block party scheduled for Sept. 6
- Neighborhood picnic scheduled for Sept. 13, flyers will be distributed.
- Printing costs will be rising considerably, discussed ways to offset cost including ad exchange for printers, moving to electronic newsletters, reducing size of newsletter to standard page size, increase dues.
- Discussion of dues increase as they have not been raised since the 90s. President asked to make recommendation at next regular meeting (Oct).
- Directory updates will be finalized soon, send any information you would like included to Melissa Stevenson.
- 30 deferral given for Pi Phi house as potential buyer’s attorney was not available. Trying to determine can be done with property as sorority/fraternity will not be allowed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

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.