



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF THESE UPLAND NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS!!

The Uplands Residential Association's officers would like to start out this new year by saying THANK YOU to all the volunteers who quietly work behind the scenes to help make this neighborhood the best in the city. In order to make the Uplands the most grandiose neighborhood, it takes dedicated volunteers. If you know any of these neighbors please take a moment to say thank you.

COMMITTEES:

- Desire Kane - Picnic Chair
- Bernie Goitein -Zoning and Land Use
- Kirk Schekler - Welcome Committee
- Kara Harris - Code Violations
- Ron Douglas - Traffic
- Kara/Josh Harris - Neighborhood Safety
- J.R. Hinchee - Neighborhood Beautification
- Dan Armich - Long-Range Planning
- Barb Drew - Parking
- Kay Ahl - Garage Sale
- Brenda O'Russa - Editor for the newsletter
- Lenzini, Steve Marx - Website Director

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- Kara & Josh Harris, Chris Setti, Kay Ahl, Christine & John McConnell,
- Jill & Darren Hurst, Wendy & Mike Monahan, Brenda & John O'Russa
- Peoria Fire Dept Firehouse 3, Capt. Maklin PFD

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President's Comments

Post Construction Traffic Concerns Update

During our neighborhood meeting last November, one of the agendas was issues with post construction traffic issue such as cut-through, speeding, rolling four-way stops, etc., especially on Columbia Terrace and No. Parkside Dr. Collectively, the concerned neighbors in attendance agreed we need to meet with our councilman and city engineers to see what plans and measures can be implemented to curtail such problems here in the Uplands. Therefore, a meeting has been scheduled with Councilman Grayeb and city engineer Scott Reese at our next scheduled neighborhood meeting on Jan 8th. If you are concerned with future traffic/safety problems within this neighborhood and have questions on how to resolve this problem, or simply want to listen to what our city employees have to say on this subject, then you should probably attend.

New Water Lines/Main Update

A few months back I wrote in the October newsletter informing you folks about Illinois American Water installing new water lines within the Uplands. Here is all I know about this subject:

- The Uplands Water Main Replacement Project will award an engineering firm the contract for this engineering project sometime in late December 2014. Once the engineering firm signs the contract for this project, they will begin to take topography and survey the project.
- Included with this bid: the engineer will have to appear two times, at two different neighborhood meetings with exhibits, informing you on what's going on with this construction process.
- The first meeting is expected when all the survey and topography is done, and when the engineering contractor has a proposed a route for the new water main. This is estimated to be done mid-to-late January 2015.

- The second meeting will be when the contractor has all the final plans to present. Probably around late February 2015.
- Roger Goodson, Operations Superintendent for Illinois American Water states, "Once we are ready with our information to present, we will reach out to meet and present to you first so that you can know what the plans are and then we can schedule a time to present to the Homeowners Association."

It appears this project will be quite "transparent" regarding informing the neighbors in the Uplands. Just so you know the Upland officers may have to schedule a special meeting sometime in the new few months just to keep everyone updated. I'll keep you informed as best as I can.

Changes in the Bylaws -Update.

As the Upland board members stated earlier in the fall, we proposed an increase in our annual neighborhood dues from \$10.00/yr. to \$20.00/yr. to help offset increased expenses and low number of neighbors paying their annual dues. In order to change the annual dues, we must obey the bylaw rules. This is a 4-step process and the final step will occur at our neighborhood meeting on Jan. 8th. Section 6 of Article X is the last step to make any amendments.

- 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.

See you at the meeting.

Sincerely,
BURGIT SMITH



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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
419 Fulton, Room 100
Peoria, IL 61602
Phone: (309)494-8545
E-Mail: treasurer@peoriagov.org
Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

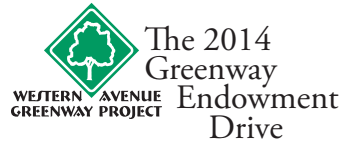
If you are an Owner of an Uplands home:

- 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

- 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 or debit cards



The Western Avenue Greenway Project is a community park, owned by the neighborhoods, maintained with community efforts, and paid for by the generosity and kind considerations of you and your neighbors. This year, through your generosity, The Western Avenue Greenway Project has grown. The Gas Station, once a neighborhood eyesore, is now the latest green addition to our parkland. Throughout the year the funds you provide, much needed revenue, go toward the daily upkeep and maintenance of our park. Your efforts and support have kept the Greenway looking lush and beautiful. Now, with the new corner addition, the Greenway needs to create financial resources to provide for the landscaping, garden design, and the future purchases of properties to complete the mission of The Western Avenue Greenway Project.

The Greenway endowment was created two years ago to ensure our ongoing financial stability. With your continued generosity we can grow the endowment so the Greenway Project can continue to grow, and remain a permanent fixture in our community. Please support your parkway, our local park, that has brought green into our landscape and helped to maintained our neighborhoods and our lifestyle. Your membership, your contributions, and your efforts make where we live a greener, beautiful place. Please send tax-deductible contributions to: Western Avenue Greenway Project CO/ Peter Getz, 1306 W. Moss Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61606 (309) 688-2322

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Uplands RA Membership Meeting 11/13/2014

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

No December meeting, next meeting is January 8

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: 92 members; balance 2060.84
- West Bluff Council:
 - Once Illinois American Water's plans are settled, the WBC requests the city inform affected residents and property owners of the scheduled of planned work.
 - Suspected rental lists provided by WBC neighborhoods were delivered to the city for action as potential unregistered rentals. This lists were not reviewed by the WBC for error, nor did the WBC highlight probable rental addresses, limiting the city's ability to target landlords. The city has changed the rental registration ordinance to a occupancy registration ordinance.
- Greenway: no report
- Peoria Alliance: no report
- Bradley Planning: no report

Directory draft almost complete, hoping to print and distribute early 2015. Directory includes numbers for landlords of known rentals.

Continued discussion of dues increase:

Proposed to raise dues to \$20 instead of \$15 for ease of paying in cash.

Discussed how to more actively solicit neighbors to pay dues including asking volunteers for block captains to help collect dues on their blocks. This solution requires volunteers.

Uplands board members agreed to set up an uplands PayPal account to allow paying dues online regardless of whether dues are increased.

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

A special services district for the uplands may be an appealing way to increase revenue. Uplands dues could stay the same and 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.

Membership period is Jan 1-Dec 31. If you pay during another month, you are essentially back paying from Jan.

Discussion of traffic:

City is collecting data such as avg. speed through neighborhood not volume. Plans are reported to be underway, but have not been shared. Sterling construction to be completed Dec 1.

Residents did a brief experiment with travel times and found that it is faster to travel through the neighborhood than to use University and Main.

Invite new police chief to meeting for discussion.

Discussion of Peoria Cares website.

Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm

Uplands Residential Association Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2015 • 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

Dues

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. Your URA dues can now be paid online! We have set up a Paypal account for your convenience. Watch for more details in next month's Uplander!

In 2014 your dues helped pay for the printing of the monthly newsletter and the annual picnic. 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 2015 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.

Welcome to our New Neighbors:

1026 N Institute Place
Matthew & Kathleen Carter

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