



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

President's Comments

Bradley University

In an earlier newsletter I informed you that the new President of Bradley University, Gary Roberts, indicated that he would like to speak at one of our neighborhood meetings. Well, thanks to our own Uplands neighbor Christine Wallbom who works at Bradley University, she was able to pencil in a meeting with President Roberts for August 11th. The topics of this meeting will include:

- Introduction
- What to expect on upcoming construction projects on campus, including any street or lane closures on Main/University (if any)
- Student rentals within the Uplands
- Improved relationships with the Uplands and other adjacent neighborhoods

Between now and August, please come up with any questions or suggestions to provide the President.

The Grand Tour of Homes

The Grand Tour of Homes is proud to present some of Peoria's fine historical and architectural heritage on the 2016 Grand Tour on Sunday May 15th, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The general public is invited to tour five West Bluff homes and the Shops on Main Street. For over thirty years the Grand Tour has had the privilege of highlighting these treasures and sharing them with the community.

The West Bluff began in the mid-1800's when the stately mansions were built by Peoria's most prominent citizens and lined High-Wine Street, Moss Avenue and Randolph Ave. Today the area includes Bradley Park, Bradley University and ten neighborhoods: Armstrong-Ellis, Arbor District, Columbia Terrace North, Cottage District, Orchard District, High-Wine, Uplands, Moss Bradley, Randolph-Roanoke and University East.

Funds raised from the Tour are used to beautify the West Bluff, ticket donations are \$12 in advance or \$15 the day of the Tour. Tickets may be purchased from the following participating businesses:

Broken Tree Cafe, Excel, and Urban Artifacts, Peoria. Vintage Romance 608 W. Main St., Sterling Flower Shoppe 3017 N. Sterling Ave. Peoria, Relics 1219 W. Glen Ave. Peoria, Olde Hair Shoppe 2128 W. Roman Ave. West Peoria, Random Apparel in Junction City, Fred's Shoe Repair 3033 N. University Peoria, and Rhythm Kitchen 305 Southwest Water St. Peoria.

Tickets also available from committee members.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Greenberg (309) 370-8832, LaDonna Bobbitt at (309) 672-1831 or Connie Wright at (309) 674-2330.

The Grand Tour is an Illinois nonprofit corporation

My Departure

May 12th, 2016 will be my last day as President of the Uplands. The by-laws state that one cannot run for more than 4 consecutive years. Thanks to everyone who helped me along with this position! I could not have performed this job without all the members of the URA, our 2nd District Councilman, and you, the residents. In the past 4 years, we've learned everything from crazy cut-through traffic to creating neighborhood directories to trying to understand an ever-changing plan to get new water mains/lines with the neighborhood. This position was very educating but more importantly, this position was a lot of fun.

My job takes me to all areas of Peoria and the surrounding communities. Every day, I have the opportunity to visit neighborhoods in North Peoria, Weaver Ridge, Dunlap, Germantown, etc. I would estimate that 90 percent of these neighborhoods are what I would refer to as cookie-cutter, sterile, non-diverse, and lacking in character. At the end of the day, I am grateful to come home to the West Bluff and live in the Uplands neighborhood. This neighborhood is very unique. I am thankful to be a resident of the Uplands and I know you are all thankful too.

Sincerely,
Burgit Smith

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Dues

Uplands Residential Association Fees 2016

The yearly neighborhood fees are \$20.00 per year. 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. To do so, please visit www.Paypal.com, click Send, enter the URA email address of TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com and the amount, then click Continue and follow additional prompts. Your dues will be deposited directly into the URA's Checking Account.

In 2015 your dues helped pay for the printing of the monthly newsletter, the annual Easter Egg hunt, the annual Picnic and the renewal of the URA post office box. We continue to plan for the future of The Uplands to make this the best neighborhood it can be and your dues help make this possible!

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION 2016 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

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"/> Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Range Plans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking |

Send completed form and check payable to URA Treasurer Dustin Draggist, P.O. Box 6532, Peoria, IL 61601-6532. Dues are \$20 and allow the neighborhood to do many good things. Please consider a donation to the Neighborhood Beautification Committee.

_____ YES! I/WE will pay our \$20 association dues, and contribute an additional \$ _____ for beautification.

The PlayHouse is not just for younger children!
Our May programs include:

Adult Maker Space Night
Join us on **Thursday, May 12** to invent, innovate, and build. We'll see who can construct the most aerodynamic parachute to carry an egg safely to the floor.
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • \$25 includes dinner, beer and wine

Kid Workshop: Rock Your Rocket!
Join us on **Saturday, May 21**, to design and build a rocket of your own, and find a way to make it fly.
Children ages 8-14 • 1-3 p.m. • \$10; members half price

Family Workshop: Animals Play, Too!
Join us **Saturday, May 7**, to meet cats and dogs and watch them play. Then, make your own toy for one of these furry friends or for your pet at home.
Children 4-10, and their adults • \$20; members half price

Register at www.peoriaplayhouse.org

Next Uplands Residential Association Meeting May 12th at 7pm Bradley Epworth Church

(Columbia Terrace & Elmwood), Enter through side door on Elmwood, Basement Level

GARAGE SALE

THIS YEAR'S UPLANDS GARAGE SALE WILL BE
SAT. JUNE 4.
SAT. JUNE 11 IS
THE RAIN DATE.

(Please note, the URA originally decided to have the sale on May 21, but since then realized Dist. 150 graduation was the same day at the Renaissance Coliseum)

*****Election This Month*****

Uplands Residential Association Officer Election
Thursday May 12th 2016, 7pm, Bradley Epworth Methodist
Church (basement level, enter doors off Elmwood)

Have you thought about running for office in the best neighborhood in the city? Sure you have! It's time to vote for different neighbors to hold URA positions. This neighborhood needs new people with new ideas to provide this neighborhood. Otherwise, things can become rather stagnant. Are you the type of person who has the initiative to get things done? Perhaps you lived in another city and liked how your old neighborhood association did things? Would you like to get civically involved within the neighborhood? Please consider volunteering your time to one of these URA positions. Be a part of the city's best neighborhood. Most positions will take up to a few hours of your personal time each month. The President's position takes a little more time per month: Approx. 4-5 hours. You don't need any experience to run for these positions. Just enthusiasm and ideas are required.

A 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). On Thursday May 12th 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.

For more information about the positions, see the Bylaws on our website: www.theuplandspeoria.com/bylaws/



2016 Relay For Life to be Held at Upper Bradley Park - JOIN US!

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Peoria will be held at Upper Bradley Park on June 4th, 2016. Relay For Life gives people the opportunity to come together to celebrate those who have battled cancer, to remember loved ones lost, and to fight back against a disease that takes too much from too many.

So, what exactly happens at Relay? Teams set up pop-up tents, they hang out, they eat snacks, they laugh, they do some fundraising (e.g. games, face-painting, etc.), and they enjoy local entertainment. Teams also commit to having one person walking (it's not a race!) around 'the track' at all time during the entire Relay event. Everyone in the community is welcome to drop by to take a few laps around the track, and cancer survivors are especially encouraged to join for the 'survivor victory lap'.

Want to join in the fun? There are lots of ways to participate. Choose what works best for you!

Join Team Uplands. This is the team for grown-ups who live in The Uplands (and for grown-ups who are friends with grown-ups who live in The Uplands). Visit relayforlife.org/peoriail, click on the "SIGN UP" button, and then join Team Uplands.

Have questions? Contact the team captain, Nathaniel Herz (nathaniel.herz@gmail.com) for more information.

1. Join team Chemosaurus Rex. This is the team for kids who live in The Uplands (and for kids who are friends with kids who live in The Uplands). Visit relayforlife.org/peoriail, click on the "SIGN UP" button, and then join Chemosaurus Rex. Have questions? Contact the team captain, Alex Herz (alexherz12345@gmail.com) for more information.
2. Start a team of your very own. Visit relayforlife.org/peoriail, and click on the "SIGN UP" button to get started.
3. Donate to Team Uplands or Chemosaurus Rex. Simply visit relayforlife.org/peoriail, click on the "DONATE" button, and choose a team or team member to support.
4. Register as a survivor. If you are a survivor, and you aren't interested in joining or starting a team, please feel free to simply register as a survivor. You will be invited to participate in a special 'survivor lap', you'll get a free survivor t-shirt, and you will inspire those who are working hard to raise funds to end the pain and suffering caused by cancer.
5. Having a yard sale on June 4th for the neighborhood yard sale day? Consider donating some of your proceeds to Team Uplands or Chemosaurus Rex. Just drop your donations off at the team's tent site at Upper Bradley Park during the Relay event on June 4th.
6. Keep your eye on The Upland's Facebook page. Team Uplands and Chemosaurus Rex are planning a few neighborhood fundraisers between now at June 4th, and they will be announcing them on the Facebook page.
7. Stop by the Relay event on June 4th, walk the track, and make a donation. Come by Upper Bradley Park on June 4th to cheer on the survivors during the survivor victory lap and/or come by at dusk to enjoy the luminaria ceremony.

Relay For Life Schedule

June 4th, 2016 / 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM

1:00 PM – Team Set-Up

2:00 PM – Opening Ceremony

4:00 PM – Survivor Celebration (inspiring!)

9:00 PM – Luminaria Ceremony (beautiful!)

9:30 PM – Closing Ceremony

NOTE: Between ceremonies, there will be local entertainment as well as activities for kids. Keep your eye on The Uplands Facebook page for more details.

To learn more about the American Cancer Society, visit www.cancer.org.

Uplands RA Membership Meeting 3/13/2016

Meeting convened 7:03pm

Treasurer's Report

This month 18 members paid dues of \$380

Beautification fund donations: \$245

Beautification Balance: \$1,539.27

Total: \$3621.19

58 paid members

West Bluff Council

Met with the President of Bradley

He expects Bradley to struggle with enrollment for the next 10 years

Increasing on-line graduate program

Hoping to begin replacing Baker and Jobst in 2017... \$90M

Asked about neighborhood involvement.

What two things should change? What two things should remain the same?

Greenway

Meeting was the end of March.

Still soliciting for people who would like a plot in the community garden.

Always need volunteers... from pulling weeds to planting.

Old Business

Burgit to follow up on when the speed bumps and crosswalk signs will be put in.

Candidates for next month's election? Recommend a nominating committee.

Burgit is stepping down because he has to. 1st VP automatically takes his place.

Suggested staggered two year terms to maintain overlap.

Garage Sale is on June 4th

New Business

Tour of homes is May 15th. 12-5. Grand tour of West Bluff Homes. No known Uplands homes are on the tour.

Relay for Life is on June 4th.

ITV-3 has been acquired by a St. Louis company.

The new president of Bradley, Gary Roberts, will be our guest at the August 11th URA meeting.

The idea of a Block Party Fund was discussed.

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm

Welcome New Neighbors

1210 N Elmwood Avenue
Shaheen and Ashfaq Khan

If you are new to the Uplands or know someone who is, please contact Kirk Sheckler at 369-1372. Thanks!

Boulevard Gardeners

If you would like to help create and maintain plantings in the Columbia Terrace and Institute boulevards, contact J.R. Hinchee at 868-0110.

LANDSCAPE WASTE PICK-UP



WHAT is considered yard waste?

Yard waste consists of grass, leaves, tree limbs and/or brush. Limbs and brush must be in an approved container or cut and tied in bundles no longer than 5-feet in length weighing no more than 50 lbs. Please use only non-plastic or non-metallic rope, twine or other binding string.

What SHOULDN'T go into a yard waste container?

Do not mix yard waste with household waste or animal waste. Fruit and vegetable plants with produce attached to them should NOT be put in yard waste bins. (They are OK as yard waste if all produce is completely removed from the plant).



Western Avenue Greenway

You are probably aware of the movement to create 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 for several years as a garden area. In 2015, the garden was enriched with compost from Better Earth Compost. We are again offering plots for individual use. The plot size is roughly 10 feet by 12 feet. 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 area for parking is available. Come take a look.

Please call Martha at 674-4500 for more information if you are interested. Thanks for your help and happy spring!

Architectural Salvage

If you are remodeling, donate your old fixtures, kitchen cabinets, hardware, etc. or purchase someone else's.

Restore

931 N. Douglas
676-8402

Hours: M – F 8 am to 5 pm;
Sat 9 am to 1 pm

Old House Society

East Douglas Street
Bloomington, Illinois
309-820-0548