



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902

President's Comments

Hello, fellow Uplanders!

I'd like to thank Burgit Smith for the outstanding job he has done the past four years as President of the Uplands Residential Association (URA). Our bylaws do not allow any officer to serve more than four consecutive terms in the same office, so at the May meeting we elected a new slate of officers. Pete Magsig and Dustin Draggist were reelected as secretary and treasurer, respectively; Steve Tyler was elected 2nd Vice President; and J. R. Hinchee and I moved up to 1st Vice President and President, respectively. We are all honored to serve the needs of the neighborhood. Feel free to contact us if you need anything—our contact information is listed on the back of the Uplander.

Speed Control

This summer will see the installation of some additional speed control measures in the neighborhood. A temporary speed hump will be installed on North Parkside between the existing permanent speed hump and Main Street by mid-June. A new permanent speed hump is scheduled to be installed by the end of July on west-bound Columbia Terrace where the temporary one was installed last year. There will also be a center-line stripe painted on North Parkside. We are working on getting a speed feedback sign (the kind that has a digital display that shows drivers how fast they're traveling) to help cut down on speeding as well. There is other work being done on West Bluff area streets this summer, and the Uplands work is being coordinated with that by the City.

MacArthur Bridge Replacement

Speaking of projects in the greater West Bluff area, the bridge on N. MacArthur Highway is scheduled to be replaced in 2018. This bridge is located between Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. and 4th Avenue (southbound University turns into MacArthur Hwy when you cross Moss Avenue). The City will be soliciting public input on the design of the replacement bridge in late June or early July, so keep your eyes open for that. I'll pass along more information and dates through the Uplands Yahoo Group and Nextdoor once they're set.

No July Meeting

The URA meets the second Thursday of each month except July and December. So after our June 9 meeting, we won't meet again until August 11. I hope you'll all make a note to attend the August meeting as our special guest will be the new President of Bradley University, Gary Roberts. We're looking forward to getting acquainted with Mr. Roberts and hearing about Bradley's future plans.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

C.J. Summers



GARAGE SALE

RAIN DATE: JUNE 11

Uplands Residential Association Officers:

President: C.J. Summers

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1st Vice President: J.R. Hinchee

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2nd Vice President: Steve Tyler

1120 N Elmwood Ave., 970-640-8617,
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Treasurer: Dustin Draggist

1310 N Glenwood Ave, dustindraggist@gmail.com

Secretary: Pete Magsig

1320 N Institute Pl., 734-546-2988,
petemagsig@gmail.com

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.



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Uplands Residential Association Meeting Thursday, June 9, 2016, 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 C.J. Summers
- Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting -
Secretary Pete Magsig
- Treasurer's Report -
Treasurer Dustin Draggist

Committee Reports

- URA Representatives to Outside
Organizations
- Bradley Institutional Planning
- West Bluff Council
- Peoria Alliance
- Greenway

New Business

Adjournment

URA meeting minutes, 5-12-16

Meeting convened 7:04pm

Election
Treasurer – Dustin Draggist
Secretary - Pete Magsig
2nd VP – Steve Tyler (styler@bradley.edu)
1st VP – J.R. Hinchee
President – C.J. Summers

Treasurer’s Report

Deposits	
Membership Dues x18	\$120
Beautification Fund	\$60
Debits	
Paypal fees	\$0
Uplander printing.	\$177.90
Available Balance	\$3,623.29
Beautification Fund Balance	\$1,599.27
Total Paid Members	64

West Bluff Council
Held a strategic planning exercise.

Discussion of PD150
We had a general discussion about Peoria District 150. How can we help to address PD 150 parents concerns who have kids hitting middle school/high school? It’s important to change perception. The new Superintendent is talking about an interior magnet school. The URA will look into potentially getting the Superintendent to attend a URA meeting, if there is sufficient interest.

Unfinished Business
None.

New Business
There was a proposal in city council about new zoning codes, but they should not affect the PiPhi house at Main and Institute which is zoned for single family occupancy.

A question was raised about weeds between the asphalt and the concrete curb? Can the city do this? The Peoria Cares app is an option for reporting problems like this. We had a short discussion about having a neighborhood cleanup day. Steve is interested in heading up a group to do a clean up, and will follow up.

Upcoming events:
Neighborhood sale is June 4th.
ACS Relay for Life is in Upper Bradley park, June 4th, 2-10 pm.

There is no URA meeting in July.

The Little Free library is available for everyone to use, on 1607 Parkside. Take a book. Give a book.

The new President of Bradley University will be attending the URA meeting in August. If you have questions, or would like to learn more about Bradley’s future, please attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Welcome New Neighbors

1110 N Institute Place
Evangeline & Nehemiah Tan

1312 N Institute Place
Carol & Matthew Torok

1317 W Columbia Terrace
Carrie & Philip Thomas

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.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Our family has lived in The Uplands now for over 10 years. We love the West Bluff and The Uplands neighborhood we share with you. We recognize our home is unique in that we set well off the street. This allows us a private home, but also a feeling of a disconnect or “empty” front yard. We felt a need to connect to the street in an effort to give back to this community we share with you.

My wife, a teacher, and I, a small business owner, have a strong belief in literacy for all. For us, reading is the very foundation for success. In that effort, we created a community space known as Mckenna and Maisie’s Little Free Library (Charter # 34129) and founded it November 1, 2015. This is a small front-yard book exchange. It is one of 36,000+ around the world including 70 countries. The Little Free Library nonprofit organization has been honored by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, and the American Library Association.

Our Little Free Library space offers a bench for stopping to read in a quiet corner of the neighborhood, or grabbing a book and heading into the park or just home. It’s yours to do as you wish. Take a Book, Leave a Book and Share a Book is our goal. Reader’s Digest named the Little Free Library system as one of the “50 Surprising Things We Love about America.” Our hope is to add to the long list of things we can all say we love about the Uplands.

We offer books for all ages. Open 24/7 365 days a year. We invite you to come and see the library for yourself at 1607 W. Parkside Drive. Please visit our Facebook page (mckenna and maisie’s little free library) and see us and others on the world map at <http://www.littlefreelibrary.org/>

Sincerely,

Mark Wrhel
LFL Steward



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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

The Western Avenue Greenway Project is holding a fundraiser this summer. The date will be June 17th. The event, Summer Green for the Greenway, will be at the garden of Peter Getz and Carol Spengel, 1306 W. Moss Avenue. Starting at 6:00 P.M. we will be welcoming our guests with Mohito's, cheese, light browsing, and entertainment. A donation of \$30 is requested.

This will be an opportunity to enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors of the Greenway, and to support the mission of the Greenway - the creation and maintenance of our park along Western Avenue. This is the major fundraiser for the Greenway this year. Our funding depends on a great turn out, so please tell your friends and neighbors to drop by and enjoy the evening. If you can't make the party a donation will always be welcome.

For more information contact:
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