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Hello neighbors!

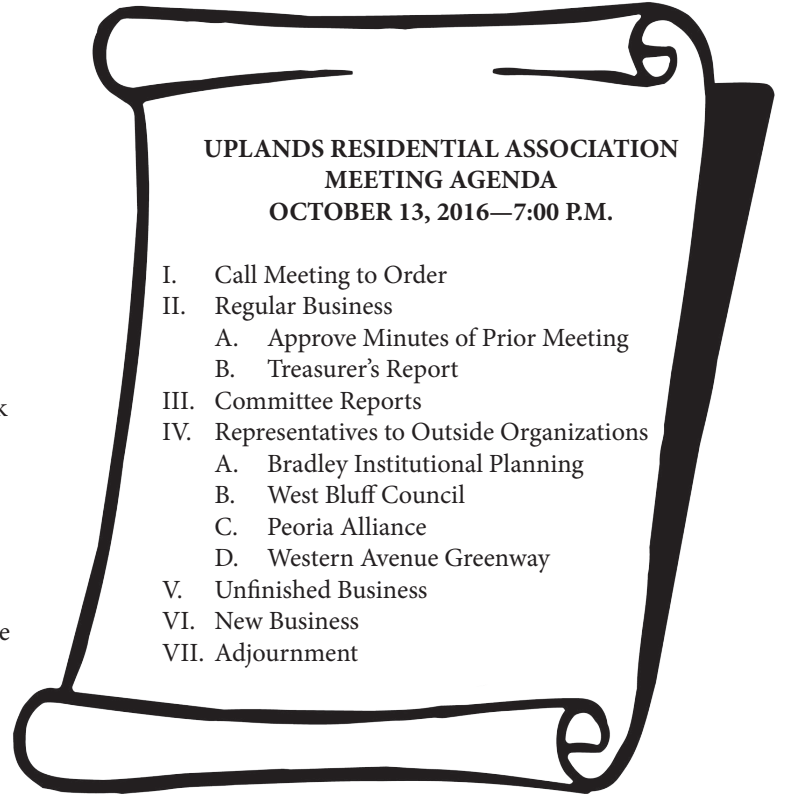
*The summer-flower has run to seed,
And yellow is the woodland bough;
And every leaf of bush and weed
Is tipt with autumn's pencil now.
—John Clare, "Autumn"*

Octagons have eight sides, and an octopus has eight tentacles, so have you ever wondered why October is the tenth month instead of the eighth? According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, it comes from the early Roman calendar, which was a lunar calendar that started in March (the month new consuls took office) and consisted of only ten months. That's when October (as well as September, November, and December) got its name, because it was originally the eighth month of the year. Later, two more months were added, and in 153 BC, the month new consuls took office was changed to January. Thus, January became the first month of the year in the western Roman Empire. They didn't rename the months to match the new order, so now October is the tenth month. Those crazy Romans.

Getting back to the present, we have a couple of events this October worthy of special note. The first is the 4th annual PNC Bank Peoria Marathon & River City Races taking place Sunday, October 16, starting at 7:40 a.m. Several people have asked about getting into and out of the neighborhood during the race, so here is the official word from the race organizer, Adam White (thanks to Ken Hofbauer for contacting Adam and forwarding this information):

All those living in the Uplands will be able to enter and exit your neighborhood via Columbia Terrace and University Street. University Street will be open to all north and south traffic throughout the event. Please note that Main Street will be closed to **ALL** traffic, both east and west bound, during the event. **No one will be prohibited from leaving their homes if they live on one of the streets in the Uplands during any point of the race.** If you do live on the race course and need to leave your home or return for any reason, we simply ask drivers to be patient and mindful of the runners that may be traveling through the neighborhood. If you exit the Uplands on University St. and travel south, please allow extra time as the police posted at Main St. and University will be letting people through the intersection

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UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA OCTOBER 13, 2016—7:00 P.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Regular Business
 - A. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - B. Treasurer's Report
- III. Committee Reports
- IV. Representatives to Outside Organizations
 - A. Bradley Institutional Planning
 - B. West Bluff Council
 - C. Peoria Alliance
 - D. Western Avenue Greenway
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

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A good time was had by all at the Uplands annual picnic in September.
Thanks to everyone who participated!

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as gaps with the runners permit. Please note that the 1/2 marathon will NOT be going through the Uplands this year. This will drastically reduce the length of time that runners will be in the Uplands. We anticipate the first wheelchair runners to enter the Uplands around 8:50 AM and the last runner to be off Elmwood and on Main Street by 11:50 AM. If you or anyone you know are interested in helping be a volunteer on the day of the event, we invite and welcome all people to get involved as this is an extraordinary community event.

The second big event this month is, of course, Halloween! The Uplands is a great place for Trick-or-Treating, and we want to keep things safe and fun for everyone. As usual, the hours for trick-or-treating will be 5:00-8:00 p.m. Those handing out candy are encouraged to have their porch lights on, and those *not* handing out candy are asked to please keep their porch lights off. This helps the children (and adults!) know which houses to approach. If you're driving through the neighborhood that evening, be extra vigilant as there will be lots of children out walking.

Speaking of driving and safety, you may have noticed that the City of Peoria has installed some additional traffic-calming measures in the neighborhood over the last month or

so. Two new speed humps were installed: one on westbound Columbia Terrace between Maplewood and Parkside, and the other on North Parkside between Main and the middle alley. Digital speed feedback signs were placed on Columbia Terrace and North Parkside as well. And a center line was painted on North Parkside to demarcate the lanes of travel. It is hoped that these measures will reduce speeding and increase safety in the neighborhood.

Our faithful, long-time Uplander editor, Brenda O'Russa, has decided to step down as editor. I want to thank her for taking on the job for many years. She has always kept the newsletter looking great and published on time. I believe I can speak for the neighborhood in telling her how much we have all appreciated her service!

The next Uplands Residential Association meeting is Thursday, October 13, in the basement of the Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church at the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace. Use the Elmwood entrance to join us for some socializing starting at 6:30; the meeting starts at 7 p.m. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend. See you there!

Sincerely,

C. J. Summers



Welcome to the Neighborhood!

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Uplands Residential Association Dues

The URA dues 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. 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 Paypal.com, click Send, enter the URA email address (TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com) and the amount, click "Continue," and follow additional prompts. Your dues will be deposited directly into the URA's Checking Account.

The Uplands Residential Association is on Facebook and Yahoo Groups! You can also email us at TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com. If you have information for The Uplander, please contact C. J. Summers at summers1202@sbcglobal.net. If you are new to the Uplands or know someone who is, contact Kirk Sheckler at 369-1372.

URA Membership Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

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

Send completed form with payment to URA Treasurer Dustin Draggist, P.O. Box 6532, Peoria, IL 61601-6532.