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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Hello neighbors!

It was great to see so many of you at our March meeting! Thanks for coming out to hear the mayoral candidates and asking excellent questions. Special thanks to former URA President Beth Hinchee for moderating a successful candidate night.

This month, we'll be welcoming representatives of the CEO Council as our guests. They will present the costs and benefits associated with the City of Peoria potentially repurchasing the water works from Illinois American Water, something the City has the option of doing every five years under an 1899 franchise agreement. You can read more about it on their website at [peoriaceocouncil.org/projects/water-objective-study/](http://peoriaceocouncil.org/projects/water-objective-study/).

Also this month, the nomination committee will be presenting the slate for the May election of officers for the Uplands Residential Association. And we'll be voting on what we feel are the top three priorities on which the West Bluff Council (WBC) should focus. Each neighborhood in the West Bluff is providing this feedback to the WBC to help them in their strategic planning. The list of options was printed in last month's Uplander. If you missed it, you can find it on the website at [www.theuplandspeoria.com](http://www.theuplandspeoria.com).

We're working on getting a dumpster for our annual neighborhood spring clean-up. More information on "Dumpster Day" will be forthcoming on the Yahoo Groups and NextDoor.com e-mail lists. If you haven't signed up for one of these yet, I would highly recommend it. We'll also be deciding on a date for our annual neighborhood garage sale at the April URA meeting, and we'll forward that information through our online channels as well.

So by now you're thinking, "When is that next meeting so I can put it on my calendar?" It's Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the Bradley-Epworth United Methodist Church at the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace. We meet downstairs. Doors open at 6:30. See you all there!

Sincerely,

*C. J. Summers*

## UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 13, 2017—7:00 P.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. CEO Council Presentation
- III. Regular Business
  - A. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
  - B. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Reports
  - A. Nominating Committee
  - B. West Bluff Council
  - C. Western Avenue Greenway
  - D. Other Committees
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
  - A. Set Date for Neighborhood Garage Sale
  - B. Other New Business
- VII. Adjournment

## Uplands Residential Association Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 9, 2017

*Convened 7pm.*

*The URA hosted both mayoral candidates, Jim Ardis and Couri Thomas. Both gave brief opening statements and then answered audience questions for over an hour to an engaged group of Uplanders. Beth Hinchee moderated. CJ's family provided snacking, including some excellent snicker doodles.*

*The rest of the URA meeting was greatly abbreviated.*

### Treasurer's Report

*Deposits: Membership Dues x11 \$220; Beautification Fund \$71*

*Debits: Uplander Printing \$145; PayPal Fees \$0*

*Available Balance: \$4098.46*

*Beautification Fund Balance: \$1525.95*

*Total Paid Members: 21*

*The position of URA Secretary is open. Pete Magsig and Desiree Kane are on the search committee. Please contact them if you are interested in the position.*

*Because of the mayoral forum, most business was deferred until the April URA meeting, including:*

- Discussion of beautification ideas for the neighborhood. How best to apply our beautification budget?
- Choosing a date for the garage sale.

*The principal topic at the next URA meeting will be a discussion of the Water Company Buyout opportunity coming up in 2018, and what, if any, recommendations to the city might be made by the URA. Please join us.*

*Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.*



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15th

Easter is just around the corner and we know there are lots of neighborhood kiddos that look forward to our Uplands Egg Hunt!

Jackie Armich will be collecting filled eggs now through Friday, April 14th. If your child(ren) would like to participate, please provide 10 filled eggs per child. You can leave them on the front porch at 1104 N Glenwood Ave.

The Egg Hunt will begin at 10 am on Saturday, April 15th at the Christopher Columbus statue. We are also looking for some volunteers to help hide the eggs on Saturday morning beginning at 9 am. Please email [jackie.henson79@yahoo.com](mailto:jackie.henson79@yahoo.com) if you can help!

## 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](http://Paypal.com), click Send, enter the URA email address ([TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com). If you have information for The Uplander, please contact Tamara Black-Waite at [tblackwaite@gmail.com](mailto:tblackwaite@gmail.com). 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.

## Be the Secretary for the Uplands!

Would you like to directly participate in making the Uplands one of the best neighborhoods in all of Peoria? If you do, the office of Secretary is available to you this May.

### What does the Secretary do?

Show up to every URA meeting and take notes. Edit and send those notes on to the Editor of the Uplander, Tamara Black-Waite. There is often an informal pre-meeting the week prior to the URA meeting to discuss upcoming issues.

### What do I get out of it?

You have an active hand in discussing and addressing issues relevant to our neighborhood, from planning picnics and neighborhood yard sales to the nuts and bolts of replacing our water mains, and how that might be combined with the Combined Sewer Overflow into a "Green Alley" project that will not only beautify our alleys, but help the city address multiple issues as efficiently as possible.

You get the 'inside scoop' on goings-on all throughout the neighborhood and our city. The URA frequently hosts our councilperson and city administrative staff to discuss issues pertinent to the Uplands and surrounding neighborhoods.

It's a great way to be informed and active in your community, and the URA Officers are pretty cool to hang out with, in general. I highly recommend it!

If you're interested, contact Pete Magsig ([pete.magsig@gmail.com](mailto:pete.magsig@gmail.com)) or Desiree Kane ([dez.kane@gmail.com](mailto:dez.kane@gmail.com)).



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