



THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902



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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dear Neighbors,

This month at our neighborhood meeting, we will be holding our annual officer election. A nominating committee has developed a slate that we will be voting on at our May meeting. You can see the slate elsewhere in this issue of the Uplander.

Some upcoming events to be aware of or planning for:

- Peoria Public Schools high school graduation ceremonies will be held at the Renaissance Coliseum on Saturday, May 20, so there will be increased traffic and parking in the neighborhood.
- The Uplands Garage Sale will be Saturday, June 3. Many thanks to Kay Ahl for her help in organizing this annual event for our neighborhood again this year!
- Dumpster Day in the Uplands (Neighborhood Cleanup) will be Saturday, June 17. The dumpster will be in the center of the neighborhood as in past years—at the corner of Columbia Terrace and Institute. This will be a regular trash dumpster, so landscape waste, electronics, and hazardous chemicals are not permitted.

At our last meeting, the CEO Council presented their study on the potential purchase of the water works by the City of Peoria. If you're interested in more information on this, their study is published online here: <http://peoriaceocouncil.org/projects/water-objective-study/>.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the Bradley-Epworth United Methodist Church at the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

C. J. Summers

UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA MAY 11, 2017—7:00 P.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Regular Business
 - A. Welcome and Introductions
 - B. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - C. Treasurer's Report
- III. Election of Officers
- IV. Reports
 - A. West Bluff Council
 - B. Western Avenue Greenway
 - C. Other Committees
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

URA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MAY 11, 2017 | 7:00 P.M.
BRADLEY-EPWORTH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Elections for officers of the Uplands Residential Association will be held at our regular May meeting. You must be a dues-paying member of the association to vote. Association dues can be paid the evening of the election. The slate of candidates is:

President	C. J. Summers
1st Vice President	J. R. Hinchee
2nd Vice President	Steve Tyler
Treasurer	Dustin Draggist
Secretary	Meredith Messina

**Uplands Residential Association Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 13, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

There was a presentation by Thomas Fliege and Shelley Epstein from the CEO council on the city purchase of the Peoria District of Illinois American Water Company.

Peoria sold its water district to a private concern in 1889, and has had the option to repurchase the water district every five years since, but has never undertaken that option.

The CEO council has done an in-depth study of this problem. The primary question: Is it in the best interests of Peoria to own its own water district, or should we continue to pay a third party to run our water? The findings in the report are compelling. One of the findings was that Peoria pays twice as much for water as the national average. Water ownership is also an issue – for example, nothing prevents Illinois American Water selling Peoria water to anyone, anywhere. The full report makes a strong case for the city's purchase of the water district, and is available here: <http://peoriaceocouncil.org/projects/waterobjective-study/>

There is a city council policy session on May 9th to set up a framework for how to go forward studying the purchase of the water district.

Treasurer's Report

DEPOSITS

Membership Dues x 19: \$380

Beautification Fund: \$200

DEBITS

Uplander printing: \$105

PayPal fees: \$0

Available Balance \$ 4,573.46

Beautification Fund Balance \$ 1,725.95

Total Paid Members 40

Other Business

The Garage Sale is scheduled for June 3rd.

Bringing in a communal dumpster has been pushed off to June or later due to availability.

Meeting adjourned 8:40.



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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 Tamara Black-Waite at 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.