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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Hello Neighbors,

It's here! **The 108th annual neighborhood picnic is Saturday, September 9, at 5 p.m. in upper Bradley Park (along Parkside Drive)!** There will be a bike parade starting at 4:30 at the corner of Columbia Terrace and Parkside—kids of all ages are invited to decorate their bikes and come out for a ride around the neighborhood before the picnic starts. Meat and drinks are provided by the neighborhood association. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

The picnic takes the place of our regular monthly meeting in September. So our next meeting will be Thursday, October 12, at 7 p.m. in the basement of Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church at the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace. We'll publish the agenda in next month's Uplander.

You may recall that the City is planning to replace the MacArthur Highway bridge (it runs south from the intersection of University and Moss, down the bluff). If you're interested in seeing the final bridge design elements for this project, check out the public meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 11th, at Valeska Hinton School, 800 W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue.

At our last meeting, our friends at the Bradley Epworth Church let us know they would like to modify their special use permit for a house they own adjacent to their church building. The pastor, Tom Eckhardt, provided this explanation: "Bradley Epworth Church is requesting that the special use zoning permit that has been approved by the city for the bottom half of 1215 N. University be extended to the upper portion of this duplex. We are not requesting that any new activities be approved or that there be any modifications (regarding use) to the current permit. We are requesting that the same activities be allowed in the rooms on the second floor. The original permit specified the upper portion as living space for a 'youth minister' and that is no longer the arrangement we have in our staffing of that position. The activities specified were fellowship, gathering, discipleship, growth, bible studies, worship, prayer, retreats, lock-ins, and fundraising. Copies of the original Commission recommendation and approval by City Council are available by contacting me at Tom@bradleyepworth.com." Those at the meeting were supportive of this change, which will come before the City's Planning and Zoning Commission at a later date.

Looking ahead, **the Peoria marathon will be coming through our neighborhood again on Sunday, October 8, 2017.** The race begins at 8 a.m. More information on the marathon, including the course route, can be found at <http://whiskeydaddle.com/>. This event effectively closes several streets in the Uplands that morning, so you'll want to plan ahead if you need to leave the neighborhood during the race times.

See you all at the picnic!

Sincerely,
C. J. Summers



Join us for the Annual Neighborhood Picnic!

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Upper Bradley Park**

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Uplands Residential Association Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Regular Business

Minutes from June meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Deposits

Membership Dues x 1: \$20
Beautification Fund: \$10

Debits

Uplander printing: \$105
Mulch purchase: \$510.36
PayPal fees: \$0

Available Balance: \$4,193.10

Beautification Fund Balance: \$1,400.59

Total Paid Members: 53

Reports

No committees or councils had reports to share.

Unfinished Business

Annual Picnic Planning - September 9th

- Steve volunteered to submit permit and baracade forms, and pick up baracades.
- JR will transport the grill and CJ will confirm which grill size is needed.
- Dustin will provide dues/membership forms
- Meredith will collect beverage jugs, grilling tools, and signs (from Melissa)
- CJ will ask Greg Tomlin to officiate the bike parade.
- CJ will purchase meat from Haddads (150 burgers and 100 hotdogs)
- Dustin will purchase buns, condiments, paper goods and charcoal from GFS.

Additional Needs (to be addressed via email and follow up planning meeting)

- Submit request to Park District for tables (10 min), garbage bins (min 4-6) and portapotty.
- Volunteers to bring folding tables for serving food.
- Resident on N Parkside to submit street closure form.

URA board will meet again to finalize picnic plans on Tuesday, August 29th at One World.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Pete Magsig emailed. Plan to get spreadsheet to contact neighbors (working with Melissa and Hank). Get initial funding from friends.

New Business

Grand Tour of Homes Grant Request

Annual option to request for grant money to improve the neighborhood. Agreement to pass on grant request this year, since last years grant money has not been spent yet.

Special Use Permit

Tom Eckhardt informed about the dwelling at 1215 N University that is owned by Bradley-Epworth Church. He is submitting a change to the original special use permit (2005) to include the upstairs unit (which is currently zoned as a rental residence). The URA Board requested Tom to submit an actual proposal in order for the board to make a formal statement of approval. Any neighbors with concerns can voice them at the next URA meeting in October or attend the zoning board meeting (date TBD).

BU Construction

Neighbors have noticed an increase in displaced rats from the Bradley construction. Please do your part by emptying your trash regularly, remove standing water and brush, clean up alleys, and if necessary, contact Animal Control (309-672-2440) and request additional traps. The additional dust in the air has also caused concern. CJ is contacting the BU liason to request added dust control.

Uplander Delivery

Some neighbors are not receiving the Uplander before the next URA meeting. Those who are delivering the Uplander to please deliver at least 1-2 days before the meeting so residents are informed and can attend the URA meeting if possible.

Litter/Weeds

A resident has noticed weeds on curbs. Since its the end of season, the weeds should die off soon. Steve will organize another neighborhood clean up evening in September, and suggested the purchase of litter grabber sticks to assist in pick-up efforts.

Vacancies and/or Demolition

A discussion was had about some vacant homes and a requested demolition in the neighborhood, and the impact it may have on the neighborhood.

Move to adjourn. Seconded. Adjourned at 8:14pm.

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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.



Heather Stark **Martin & Victoria Mitchell** **Amy & Lane Beckes**
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2017 Neighborhood Banquet

On Wednesday, November 1st, the City of Peoria will host the 2017 Neighborhood Banquet at the Peoria Civic Center from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. This annual event celebrates the accomplishments of neighborhood associations and community advocates who have worked diligently with their neighbors, the City of Peoria, and the community at large to improve the quality of life in their communities.

The banquet is a time for neighbors from all across the City to gather and share the things that make us all "Appreciate Peoria."

Please join us for an evening of music, food, and fun to celebrate local leaders who work hard to improve our community. We will open nominations for the many awards and information on ticket sales early Fall 2017.

For more information, please call Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator, Raven Fuller, at 309.494-8636

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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. Make checks payable to Uplands Residential Association or URA Treasurer.