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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

August 2019

Hello neighbors,

July brought good news for the West Bluff, as the City Council voted to provide **every-other-week pickup of recycling in the alleys**. Many thanks to all those who contacted their City representatives, the West Bluff Council for its support, and to our Councilman Chuck Grayeb and at-large Council Representative Beth Jensen. Through our coordinated efforts, we reached a solution that was best for the West Bluff and the City as a whole, since it would have been a terrible precedent to have differing levels of service for different parts of the City.

The annual **Uplands Neighborhood Picnic is happening Saturday, September 14, at 5 p.m.** in upper Bradley Park. There will be a bike parade for the kids at 4:30—decorate your bikes and meet at the corner of Parkside and Columbia Terrace. **We need some volunteers** to help make this event happen—it's really simple stuff, like putting plastic tablecloths on the picnic tables, helping pick up the meat and condiments, help with cleanup afterwards, etc. If we have several people helping, each person just has to do one or two little things—plus, it's a lot of fun working together with neighbors to put on such an enjoyable event. **Interested in volunteering? Contact me** at 309-673-8177 (home), 309-251-8170 (cell), or summers1202@sbcglobal.net.

Please take a moment to read the article elsewhere in this edition of the Uplander about **Bradley Move-In Day**, which is Saturday, August 24, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This can cause quite a bit of traffic congestion in our neighborhood. You'll want to be aware of what Bradley is planning so that it goes as smoothly as possible.

Just a reminder to keep your car doors locked when parked on the street or in your driveways. Most vehicle burglaries happen with no forced entry because the cars were left unlocked. The best thing you can do to prevent theft is to keep your car doors locked. Criminals look for easy targets.

Our next Uplands Residential Association meeting is Thursday, August 8, at the Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church on the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace. We meet in the basement at 7 p.m. We'll be discussing issues that are important to the whole neighborhood. Hope you'll join us!

Sincerely,

C. J. Summers

BRADLEY MOVE-IN DAY 2019

The official **move-in day at Bradley University is Saturday, August 24, 2019**, which means a significant increase in traffic in the area of Main and University. Motorists should expect delays on University Avenue between I-74 and campus especially between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and are encouraged to use alternate routes. The main entrance for move in on Saturday, August 24, will be at the intersection of University and Bradley Ave

Please be aware of the following:

1. No parking will be allowed on Bradley Avenue from University to Glenwood beginning at 3pm on Thursday, August 22 through Saturday, August 24.
2. No parking will be allowed in the 800 and 900 blocks of Elmwood Ave., Visitor's Lot, Duryea Lot, Founder's Circle & Geisert Lot, after 5pm on Friday, August 23. Any vehicles parked in a closed lot after 5pm August 17, are subject to ticketing and towing.
3. No parking will be allowed on the west side of the 800-900 blocks University and south side 1300 block Main beginning Friday, August 23, through Saturday August 24.
4. Southbound Elmwood at Main, St James & Elmwood, and Elmwood (northbound from Bradley Ave.) will be closed starting at 5pm on Friday, August 23.

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UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

AUGUST 8, 2019—7:00 P.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Regular Business
 - A. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - B. Treasurer's Report
- III. Reports
 - A. West Bluff Council
 - B. Western Avenue Greenway
 - C. Other Committees
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - A. Annual Picnic Planning
 - B. Strategic Planning – Leah Allison, Senior Urban Planner
 - C. Other Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

URA MEETING 6/13/19 MINUTES

A quorum of 9 was assembled
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Business

Minutes from May were approved

Treasurer's Report – We have no treasurer.

Acting treasurer Dustin reports:

Deposits

Membership Dues	\$200
Beautification Fund	\$20

Debits

Uplander printing	\$85
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Total Available Balance \$6245.00

Beautification \$1765.00

Snow Removal \$37.28

We have 47 paid members.

Reports

West Bluff Council – The city is encouraging the formation of a Youth Neighborhood Association targeted towards younger folks ages 14-19
The purpose is to advocate for youth issues.

The WBC awards committee is asking for nominees for various annual service awards.

The WBC is collecting information for the unregistered property census. It is an effort to help the city identify and clarify the status of various properties.

Alley trash pickup still being worked on. [As of the printing of the minutes, recycling as moved back to biweekly pickup.]

Bradley University is requesting permission to change their public signage. There are concerns about size of signage. The university is asking to install larger signs. There are concerns about the placement of the sign at Main and University being on the right of way.

Western Greenway – Fundraiser held, no other report.

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Old Business

URA Officer Nominations – The offices of Treasurer and Secretary are still vacant. Dixie Zietlow has agreed to fill the Treasurer role and was approved by unanimous consent.

Strategic Planning – Update on neighborhood planning. There has been little progress. City staff seem to be preoccupied. We are still interested in updating our neighborhood plan. It would codify what the Uplands views as a desirable development direction.

Neighborhood Directory – No update. Possibly done but needs to be printed.

Recycling – Decision delayed till August. [It has resumed to biweekly in August]

High school graduation traffic issues – Several complaints have been made about on-street parking during the high school graduations held on Bradley's campus. It is felt that Bradley and/or the school districts (150 and 323) are not fully using the parking garage. There is inadequate traffic direction at intersections, particularly at Columbia Terrace and University.

New Business

It has been observed that trash being tossed into medians seems to be increasing. Much of it is alcohol related trash.

Renewed traffic volume concerns. There are new faces in public works. It was decided to look into getting another set of traffic counts done.

Car break-ins are on the upswing. There have even been some forced entries. The thieves seem to be looking for cash. People need to ensure their vehicles are locked. If someone does go through your car, even if they take nothing, REPORT IT. The police cannot prioritize patrols or establish patterns of behavior if they don't know what is happening.

Neighborhood Picnic – One meeting until September! We need volunteers!!!!!! The officers cannot do this alone. We need people to set up, take down, clean up, get stuff, & entertain. It really is up to you. The picnic can be as big or little an affair as people want it to be but it takes people volunteering!!! If you can help out come to the August URA meeting.

There were proposals to use URA beautification funds to buy plants for the planters and to replace the existing planters with something more decorative. The city should be doing this. Mike Van Cleve may be doing something about them. Might look for someone in the neighborhood to help coordinate. [The city has since planted some flowers]

Meeting adjourned 8:44 p.m.

- 5. Eastbound Bradley at Institute and St James southbound at University and the Fredonia & Institute entrances to Heuser Hall Lot will be closed on Saturday at 6am.
 - 6. Fredonia Avenue from Duryea to Glenwood will be closed on Sunday, August 25, starting at 1:30 p.m. for a block party.
 - 7. Peoria Charter Coach Busses will depart from the front of Renaissance Coliseum on Main Street the entire weekend.
- See The Uplands website for a map and incoming traffic routes.
<http://theuplandspeoria.com/>

HEADS UP!

Vehicle burglaries are on the upswing in the summer. The following tips are from the Peoria Police Department

The most common method of entry is by opening an unlocked door!

Prevention Tips:

- LOCK your vehicle, residence, garage, etc.
- DO NOT tempt a thief! Even if your car is locked, the only thing stopping a thief from stealing your valuables is a window smash away – if you must store valuables in the vehicle, do not leave them in plain view.
- DO NOT leave spare vehicle keys in the vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Do not leave your keys in the car – even as the temperatures rise and you are cooling down the car – you could return to find your car stolen.
- Common items stolen in vehicle burglaries: firearms, cash, cellphones, laptops, iPads, wallets, purses, – or otherwise small, easily concealed items.
- Report suspicious behaviors, people, and/or vehicles immediately.
- Look out for your neighbors - if you see something suspicious around their home/vehicles – call 9-1-1.

What to do if you see a suspicious person or activity:

Call 9-1-1. Report what you see. Describe the subject. What is he/she wearing? Are they on foot? Where do you see them? Any information you can give the dispatcher will be helpful to the responding officer.

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

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Samuel Hawkins & Rebecca Stephens
1205 N Glenwood Avenue

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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.



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

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 Steven Marx at info@stevenmarx.com. If you are new to the Uplands or know someone who is, contact Kirk Shecker at 369-1372.