

THE UPLANDER

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UPLANDS R. A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

Membership Meeting;

Date: April 14, 2005

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: Community Room,
Bradley Epworth Methodist
Church.

Agenda

- Call To Order
- Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.
- Approval of Treasurer's Report.
- President's Report.
- Standing Committee Reports
 - Long Range Planning
 - Zoning & Land Use
 - Parking
 - Traffic

Nominations

Beautification - Tree Drawing

Block Captains

Code Violations

- Representative to Outside Organizations:

Neighborhood Alliance

West Bluff Council

West Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service

Western Avenue Greenway

- Other Old Business

- New Business

Picnic Budget

- Adjourn

Next Month's Scheduled Meeting of Uplands Residential Assn:

May 12, 2005

7:00 to 8:30 PM

**Downstairs Room at
Bradley Epworth
Methodist Church.**

**Businesses Owned or
Managed by Uplanders.** (Patronage Appreciated)

A E Blueprint Co.

Bard Optical

Byrd Drywall

Exterior Painting Specialists.

Haddad's Super Market

Harris Carpet Cleaning

J Jills

Jackson Financial Services -Insurance

Johnson Mechanical Svcs., Inc.

Ken Tiessen, Illustration

Les Femme Faux, & Painting

Peoria Art Guild

Ponte Vecchio

Rhythm Kitchen

The Medicine Shoppe on Western

The Pampered Chef (Lisa Ellison

Tour Ice.

Visiting Angels of Greater Peoria.

UPLANDS COFFEE SCHEDULE:

April 15 - 9:30 AM, Kathleen Greenberg, 1212 N. Parkside Dr., 673-2504

May 13- 7:00 PM, Inge Momany, 1604 W. Columbia Terr., 676-7208

Note: Children are welcome at morning coffee, while evenings are for adults only.

Volunteer Coordinator is Christine McCon-

nell. Please contact her at 677-6994

Note: We want to thank Christine, and all of the volunteer hostesses, who opened their home to their neighbors. This is the type of activity that is found only in the most vital of neighborhoods. One of many reasons that we love to live in The Uplands!

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: SUZANNE JACKSON, SECRETARY

Minutes of Meeting of March 10, 2005:

Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Jackson at 7:00PM. Minutes of February meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved. Balance is \$3,621.19, of which \$1,500 is for the Shade Trees.

President Jackson reported that the Neighborhood Alliance meeting has been rescheduled to March 28.

Long Range Planning committee reported next meeting schedule for March 14. Backyard Driving Issue proposed to the city by Pat McNamara was discussed and approved on a motion from Pat, seconded by Bob Reuler.

Bob Reuler reminded us that following past agreements, that we will relax demands for stringent enforcement of parking restrictions during the run-up to March Madness preliminary games played at B.U. field-house.

Traffic Chairman, Al Ford will post information to the website.

Final rules were presented by Ron Anderson of the Beautification Committee for the tree drawing to be held at the April meeting. Sign-up either with dues payment, or if already renewed, use of the form on page 4, marking the "Tree Drawing" line. Send in with dues, or to Ron or Jerry, or bring to April Meeting.

Kathleen Greenberg reported that she still needs Block Captains on six blocks.

February meeting of West Bluff Council featured Ed Boik, of city Planning Growth & Development, in a discussion of B.U. area neighborhoods. Reduction of density and group occupancy through ordinance change was discussed.

Discussion of newsletter format determined that four page format is preferred. The choice of the larger format was to allow those members of the association who are unable to attend the meeting, to be kept abreast of what went on. By vote of those in attendance we will continue the four page (continued in Sec. 2, col 1, below)

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format. It will be posted on the website by the weekend prior to each scheduled meeting. There will also be electronic delivery to those who indicated that they desired that method, and printed copies to follow.

Nomination Committee Chairman will be John Gibson, assisted by Pat McNamara.

Any further business, old or new, is deferred to April Meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM. Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Jackson, Secretary

Peoria City Beautiful - Great American Cleanup. Saturday, April 30th

Peoria City Beautiful will again sponsor this citywide litter cleanup on Saturday, April 30, 2005. They will provide all the trash bags and gloves that we will need. We will contact Peoria City Beautiful and arrange for materials, as well for trash pick-up. This is not to be confused with our spring cleanup. We will plan to conduct that in May, with the arrangement for dumpster support.

Neighborhood Ladder Returned

Ken and Sally Tiessen reported that the missing "Neighborhood Ladder" has been returned. All's well that ends well". "Thanks to the neighbors who helped locate and return the ladder"!



2005 MULCH GIVEAWAY:

The city of Peoria has a large supply of rough-cut (not professional grade) WOOD MULCH available FREE to neighborhood groups and individual Peoria residents.

City crews will deliver mulch in truckload quantities to a single location for each interested neighborhood group. For information...to view a sample of the mulch... or to arrange bulk delivery, call Facility Operations Division, 494-8889.

Special Mulch Giveaway:

An endloader is on site to load trucks on the day of the event. Self-loading of mulch into a car, van or pick-up truck.

Location is City of Peoria Operations & Maintenance Facility, 3505 N. Dries Lane, Saturday, May 14th, 8:00 A.M.- 4:00 '.

Mulch is Available Year Around!

Peoria residents may self load mulch from the mulch bin into a car, van or pick-up truck year round the above location.

First come, first served. Bring shovel for

hand loading. This is for residents only. Commercial use is prohibited.



COMMITTEE & SPECIAL REPORTS:

West Bluff NHS - Tony Cazzato

Annual Meeting of WBNHS held on Sunday, March 20. 2005-06 Officers elected, President: Todd Dennhardt (Randolph-Roanoke), V.P.: Tony Cazzato, (Uplands), Treasurer: Bob Bullock (Orchard Distr.), Secretary: Bob Disharoon (Randolph-Roanoke).

The board reviewed the significant events of 2004, and reported on financial status. Focus area for 2004 was Orchard District, formerly known as Flora-Ellis. Good progress was made toward the mission of enhancing W.

Bluff neighborhoods, increasing stability, supporting redevelopment, increasing owner occupancy, and promoting pride of ownership in historic homes. This included purchase of five new properties, sale of four to owner occupants, and conversion of two properties from contract-for-deed to commercial financing. Also included were the purchase of Bannon Park at Sheridan and Columbia Terrace. A grant was received from Caterpillar foundation. Two new board members, including Frank Momany (Uplands) and Bob Disharoon (Randolph-Roanoke) were welcomed.

Nominations of Officers 2005-06

President: Jerry D. Jackson

1st V.P.: Bernard Goitein

2nd V.P.: Kathleen Greenberg

Treasurer: Judy Krajewski

Secretary & Newsletter Editor:

Shane White

Respectfully submitted:

John Gibson, Nominating Committee
Chairman

Patrick McNamara, Vice Chair

It's Garlic Mustard Time Again by courtesy of Kathy Knapp

(This article is a reminder to be vigilant for garlic mustard in your yard, and judicious on its removal.)

Return of the Alien Species, Garlic Mustard

Garlic mustard is a cool-season biennial herb. Seeds germinate in early spring (April-May) of the first year, resulting in initially high seedling densities.

Garlic mustard gets its name from the

characteristic odor of garlic when the plant is crushed and its mustard-like appearance. It poses a significant threat to natural areas as well as gardens and field crops. First year rosettes extend to 4in high. Flowering stems may reach 2.0-3.5 ft. First year leaves are round to kidney-shaped and are on stems approximately 2-3 in tall. Leaves on flowering plants are alternate and are larger near the base of the stem. They are large toothed, triangular in shape, and approximately 1 in. long and 2-3 in wide.

Flowers grow in clusters at the end of the stems. Each flower has four white petals. Blooms in spring, usually in late April to May. Occasionally, some plants will bloom again in July-August. Produces a green capsule which, when ripe turns brown and dispenses up to 868 seeds. To remove, hand pull, put into plastic bag, tie it tight and place in garbage, NOT landscape waste, since seeds live up to 5 years. Call Kathy Knapp at 674-6744 or Martha Willi 673-1748 if you have any questions.

UPLANDS BOOK CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE:

Meets 1st Wednesday each month at 9:30 AM, unless noted otherwise.

May 4, 2005 "Grosse Point Girl", by Sarah Grace McCandless, home of Erika Luthy, 1202 Glenwood

June 8 (2nd Wednesday), 2005 "Skinny Dip", by Carl Hiaasen, home of Margaret Hanley, 1652 W. Parkside Dr., 676-0813

July 6, 2005 "The Annunciation of Francesca Dunn", by Janis Hallowell, home of Amy Shipley, 1104 Maplewood, 497-0849

Aug 3, 2005 "The Speed of Light", by Elizabeth Rosner, home of Christine McConnell, 1203 Glenwood 677-6994

Tax Exemptions Available to Homeowners Who Reside in Their Property.

Brochures provided by city of Peoria Assessor's Office are available. "Did You Know... If you own your own home, you qualify for a Homestead General Exemption up to \$5,000? If you own your own home and have done recent improvements which involved a building permit, you qualify for a Homestead Improvement Exemption up to \$25,000? If you are over age 65, you qualify for Senior Homestead Exemptions up to \$3,000? More???"

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www.uplandspeoria.com

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Secretary: Suzanne Jackson, 1017 N. Maplewood Ave,
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Presidents Comments:

Fellow Uplanders,

There are several items of note that I wanted to pass on to you. First of all, one of our fellow uplanders, Jim Kreid, 1318 N. Glenwood, is recovering from cancer surgery, which was performed on March 21st. Let's all wish him a speedy recovery and keep him in our prayers.

The next is to direct your attention to the announcement for the 2005 Mulch Giveaway, which is outlined on page 2, section 3.

While we are on the topic of beautification, please note that the boulevard gardeners are already at work. Let's show them our appreciation and respect by protecting their safety as we drive past. Slow down and see what these volunteers do to make our surroundings even more attractive.

That having been said, let's also put a focus on slowing down our own travel through the neighborhood for another reason. The safety of our children. The weather is warmer, and the children are outside and busily at play. Let's keep an eye peeled for the toy or ball that rolls into the street, followed by a child who is more intent on retrieval of the plaything than on their own safety. We can also positively effect the rate of speed used by the cut-through traffic by driving at 20mph and making them adhere to our rate of travel.

JDJ

The 2005 dues are now due! \$10.00 per address.

NEW UPLANDERS:

Even though they have been here for a short time, it is not too late to welcome **Mark and Erika Wrhel, 1607 W. Parkside Drive.** Mark owns **HADDAD'S SUPER MARKET, 2407 W. Rohmann, West Peoria, the only locally owned, full service super market in the west bluff area.** Of significant note is that, unlike another nearby low cost supermarket, that recently pleaded that they could not survive without the revenues from package liquor, they do not have a liquor department, and are doing well. If you have not shopped there, you have a very pleasant surprise awaiting you. Erika is a teacher of mathematics at Peoria Academy.

Peoria City Beautiful Annual Iris Awards - 2005

The award recognizes individual property owners and neighborhood associations that have made a real commitment to maintaining and/or enhancing the appearance of their property or neighborhood. Awards will be made at an August City Council Meeting.

A recent recipient of the award is Uplander, Jane Morrison of 1503 W. Parkside. Contact Jerry Jackson for applications, with deadline of June 30th.

2005 Membership Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____

E-Mail Address _____

This is for the purpose of Association communications only.

Would you like E-Mail delivery of association newsletter? YES _____ NO _____

Would you be willing to volunteer to help out with:

Block Captain _____ Deliver Newsletters _____

Traffic Committee _____ Parking Committee _____

Beautification Committee _____ Long Range Planning _____

Zoning & Land Use _____ Enter Tree Drawing _____

Send completed form and dues check, payable to Uplands Residential Association, to: Judy Krajewski, Treasurer, 1630 W. Parkside