

THE UPLANDER

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UPLANDS R. A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

Next Membership Meeting;

Date: March 10, 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.
- Mayoral & Second District Candidate Forum.
- Adjourn

UPLANDS CANDIDATE FORUM

LOCATION: Bradley-Epworth United
Methodist Church

TIME: 7:30PM (following short URA
business meeting) to 9:00PM

MODERATOR: Jerry Jackson, Presi-
dent of URA.

TIME KEEPER: Patrick McNamara

FORMAT:

Three minute opening statement from
each candidate for Mayor and Second
District Councilperson.

Questions from the floor to specific can-
didates..two minute answer and one
minute from contender.

At the close, each candidate will be
given two minutes for closing state-
ment.

Next Month's Sched-
uled Meeting of Up-
lands Residential Assn:

April 14, 2005

7:00 to 8:30 PM

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

**Businesses Owned or
Managed by Upland-
ers.** (Patronage Appreciated)

A E Blueprint Co.

Bard Optical

Byrd Drywall

Exterior Painting Specialists.

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)

Ken Tiessen Illustration

Tour Ice.

Visiting Angels of Greater Peoria.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Uplands Coffee:

March 17 - 7:00 PM, Linda Earley, 1114
N. Elmwood, 672-9470

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

**May (date and time to be deter-
mined)** - Inge Momany, 1604 W. Colum-

bia 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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: SUZANNE JACKSON, SECRETARY

Minutes of Meeting of February 10, 2005:

Minutes of January 13, 2005 meeting approved.

Treasurer reported balance of \$3,392.37 (\$1,500 allocated to beautification by Grand Tour grants 2003 and 2004. 2005 URA dues are now due .

President

Standing Committee Reports:

Long Range Planning: (John Gibson) - Committee met January 10 and reviewed the top priorities of prior planning committee. March 14 meeting will begin to

determine a plan of action to accomplish the top five identified priorities. A detailed report was filed with the minutes.

Traffic: (Al Ford) No Report, due to illness.

Parking: (Bob Reuler) Nothing to report.

Beautification: (Ron Anderson) An outline report was presented, to use the funds allocated to URA by Grand Tour Committee over the last two years. At this time we have a total of \$1,500 to use for the replacement of trees that have been lost over the last few years. The idea included a drawing of those interested in

receiving a tree, which would be sited and planted in the front yard of the recipient. Further discussion developed the additional requirement that those wishing to participate be current (2005) paid members of URA.

Zoning & Land Use: (Bernie Goitein) Presently reviewing E. Lansing, MI ordinance that allows neighborhood overlay to restrict new rentals. Residents can petition for city to adopt a zoning ordinance which would prohibit or restrict rental licenses in their neighborhoods. Bernie would like input from Uplanders to determine interest before going any farther.

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Problem Housing: (Lee Mehl) No report

Block Captains: (Kathleen Greenberg) List has been compiled. Not all areas are yet covered

Representatives to Outside Bodies:

West Bluff Council: (Camille Gibson) Noted that WBC has honored Lee Mehl for her considerable contributions to not only The Uplands, but also to WBC, and to the City of Peoria. City Code Enforcement Director, Kurt Craanen spoke on several issues of interest to the WBC in-

cluding the new ordinance change on boarded-up properties. After six months the city can take action against the owner. He also discussed issue of group home status.

West Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service: (Tony Cazzato) No Report

Historic Preservation Commission: (Tony Cazzato) No Report

Peoria Neighborhood Development Commission: (Tony Cazzato) No Report.

Other Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn was passed 8:40PM

Suzanne M. Jackson, Secretary

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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. More information and the application will arrive soon. The Uplands should plan to participate in this activity. We should try to involve children and B.U. students. JDJ

MUSINGS: (REPEAT)

The following are some things that I have learned from using the computer to communications for business, etc..

Sometimes I have had problems downloading and opening PDF file. I created a "Download File". I then download the PDF file that for some reason does not want to open online. When I am finished with my downloads, I close my browser and click on the Adobe Acrobat Reader icon on my desktop, the click on the "open" button, go to desktop, and

click on "download" file, find the recently downloaded file and click on the icon. The file should open for reading or printing. Try it!!

When you want to forward an e-mail message, erase the previous addresses, which are of no interest to your recipient, and take up lots of space.

In the same vein, you can send an e-mail message to a group, and yet protect the privacy of the addresses of

your individual recipients by doing the following. If you maintain a grouping of addresses in your address book, use your own address as the "Send to" address, and then indicate the rest as BCC's (Blind Carbon Copies), which will deliver the message to each recipient, without any name showing except that of the sender. No violation of confidences.

I'm sure that many of you already know about what I have told you about, and may have other thoughts to share. So, share them with us! JDJ

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification - (Ron Anderson) Ron will arrange with D.A. Hoerr & Sons Nursery for the purchase of ten trees in the amount of \$150 each, including planting. We will conduct a drawing to determine who will receive the trees. The winner may choose to do their own planting, in which case, their tree will be a \$150 tree, with tax included. If a better, more expensive tree is desired, any charge in excess of \$150 will be at the expense of the property owner.

The lottery will work as follows:

1. To be eligible, you must own prop-

- erty in The Uplands.
2. Limit, one entry per address.
 3. 2005 Dues must be paid, and may accompany entry.

Winners will be notified.

Block Captains - (Kathleen Greenberg) Still need volunteer to act as Block Captain, to greet new neighbors, collect dues, and act as block representative to and from the association.

Zoning & Land Use - (Bernie Goitein) Bernie is seeking input on both the E. Lansing ordinance, and ideas to present to B-E-M Church on possible uses of property that they might acquire along University.

Long Range Planning - (John Gibson) Due to schedule conflicts, February 14 meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is Monday, March 14 7:00 - 8:30PM at Gibson's. Committee to review the SWOT- top 5 priorities and indicate which we should move ahead with, and how fast.

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Neighborhood Alliance Meeting - (Jerry Jackson) Rescheduled from February 25 to March 28th.

Treasurer: \$3,621.68 on hand (\$1,500 for Beautification - Trees). Renewed rent on P.O. Box 5787 at recommendation of President. At present only 51 households have paid 2005 dues.

No other reports have been received.

Other Uplands Happenings:

Bible Study - At the home of Jeanette Davidson, 1306 W. Parkside, began February 14, 7:15—8:30PM. It is an interdenominational, weekly, women's bible study. They are currently studying Acts of the Apostles. If you are interested, call Jeanette at 677-2436, or 657-1027.

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**HELP WANTED
(NEEDED)**

We need volunteers to deliver The Uplander in two areas. If you are willing to help in one or both of these areas, Columbia Terrace, both sides of 1400 and N. side of 1500. S. side of Columbia Terrace, please contact Jerry Jackson.

UPLANDS BOOK CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

April 6, 2005 "The Secret Life of Bees", by Sue Monk Kidd, at Rizzi's on State, 7:00 PM

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

June 8 (2nd Wednesday), 2005

"Skinny Dip", by Carl Hiasen, 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???"

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION EST. 1902

C/O Jerry D. Jackson, President
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www.uplandspeoria.com

UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSN. OFFICERS:

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Presidents Comments:

Fellow Uplanders,

Those of us who attended the February meeting, and those who have taken the time to read the first page of this edition of The Uplander, will be aware that due to request of the majority of those at the meeting, we will be hosting a Candidates Forum at our March 10 meeting.

The format, time, etc. are shown on page one. Bob Reuler accepted the responsibility of putting this together, and has done his usual excellent job. Not only did he lock in commitments from the candidates prior to the primary election, but he also sought support for coffee and cookies as a treat. The church has promised the use of their coffee maker, and he will furnish the cups, etc.. He enlisted my wife's help in arranging for cookies. She, in turn, contacted Ken Goldin, Business Manager at Bradley University, who will have the university's cafeteria deliver five dozen large cookies to our home on March 10th. If you are all lucky, and Emily and I do not consume them, we will have them at the church that evening.

We will have both mayoral candidates, Mayor David Ransburg, and his opponent, At-Large Councilman, Jim Ardis, plus Second District Councilperson, Marcella Teplitz, and her challenger, Attorney Barbara Van Auken, appearing to answer your questions.

We initially thought of separate periods for mayor and council, but decided to conserve time, and just do one period of questioning. While it should go without saying, I will say it anyway. These are our guests. We will ask our questions in a respectful way, which means, no personal attacks will be tolerated. Attendees will want to learn which candidate in each office that they want to support.

JDJ

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

UPLANDS NEWS:

1. Marjorie LaFont, Co-Chair of Foodshare Can-A-Thon will be at the March Meeting to set up a table of information for their 2005 Neighborhood Collection drive, scheduled for Sunday, March 13.
2. Flyers included with the distribution of this edition of The Uplander, in support of a similar drive on behalf of the West-Mark Food Bank, operated by volunteers from St. Marks Catholic Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church, one of which is Jane Morrison.
3. The next session of the Citizen Police Academy conducted by the Peoria Police Department will begin April 6 - June 1, 2005. This session will concentrate on the relationships between the police department and the homeowner/homeowner associations. Maximum class size of 40. Sessions will be from 7 - 9PM on Wednesday evenings, with two subjects presented at each session. One attendee for each association is being sought. Each representative is expected to return to their association and share what they have learned. If you are interested in attending for The Uplands, contact Jerry Jackson, 676-1496. Application deadline is March 25, 2005.

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