

# THE UPLANDER

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## UPLANDS R. A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

### Membership Meeting;

**Date:** May 12, 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 & Election of  
Officers

Beautification

Block Captains

Code Violations

- Representative to Outside Organizations:

Neighborhood Alliance

West Bluff Council

West Bluff NHS

Western Avenue Greenway

- Other Old Business

- New Business

Clean Up Day - Saturday

Uplands Garage Sale

Charitable Fund Drives, etc.

Adjourn

Next Month's Scheduled Meeting of Uplands Residential Assn:

**June 9, 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

Jill Byrd, Avon Representative

Byrd Drywall

Exterior Painting Specialists.

Flying D Dancewear

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.

University Shop

Visiting Angels of Greater Peoria.

## UPLANDS COFFEE SCHEDULE:

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

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

Volunteer Coordinator is Christine McConnell. Please contact her at 677-6994

### Note:

We want to thank Christine, and all of the volunteer hostesses, who opened their homes 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 April 14, 2005:

Meeting was called to order at 7:08PM

Quorum of paid members were present.

Minutes of prior meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer reported account balance of \$3,522.65, noting that \$1500 of that amount was allocated to tree drawing. She had an additional \$95.00 to deposit, making a balance of \$3,617.55.

President reported on the formal structuring of the Peoria Neighborhood Alliance, which began with approval of the bylaws. Each neighborhood association, wishing to become members will be required to sign a

Certificate of Acceptance, thus joining the Alliance.

Long Range Planning Committee report was made by member, Bernard Goitein, since chairman, John Gibson, was unable to attend the meeting with the committee and Pastor Tom Eckhardt. Pastor shared a written statement from the church that gave background on the development of their space needs, both in pew space and parking. The Zoning Commission meeting on May 5 will again take up the application to add 1215 University to their Special Use Permit only and nothing else related to B-E Methodist Church. We will set up ongoing meetings with the church to help develop plans to meet their space challenges in the

least injurious way for The Uplands.

There was no traffic report. Pat McNamara expressed concern about whether, or not, any activity was taking place on traffic matters. President will contact Traffic Chair. Speeding school buses must be dealt with.

Nothing to report on Parking.

Tree Drawing was held from among applicants. There were ten applicants, so it was determined that each will receive a tree valued at \$150. Chairman Ron Anderson will make the arrangements.

Zoning and Land Use report was made as part of the Long Range Planning report.

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Kathleen Greenberg is still in need of volunteers for Block Captains.

No Code Violations Report. Due to a business conflict, Shane White was unable to attend.

West Bluff Council is focusing on possible duplications and overlap of city commissions. Also of great concern is the need to address some of the various concerns of West Bluff neighborhoods to various zoning and code infractions.

No report was submitted on West Bluff NHS.

No other old business.

New business included discussion of the process of adding nominations to those announced at the March meeting, if anyone else is interested in seeking Uplands office.

Picnic Chair, Marcie Tupper asked for a budget for planning purposes. The discussion determined that we want the same activity level as last year, and tentatively approved the same as last year's expense of \$675. Suggestion was made to contact businesses shown on page 1 of The Uplander for donations.

Lee Mehl noted that there were seven Uplands properties in foreclosure, two of which were settled.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Jackson, Secretary

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**Peoria City Beautiful - Great American Cleanup, Uplands Portion.**

**Saturday, May 14th**

**9:00A.M - 12:00P.M.**

Volunteer needed to pick up litter and trash in our neighborhood. Dumpsters will be located on Maplewood and Elmwood, one for trash and litter, and the other for landscape waste.

## UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION NOMINATIONS & ELECTION

At the April meeting the nominating committee reported the slate of candidates for election to be held at the upcoming May 12, 2005 URA meeting.

There was discussion at the April 14 meeting asking that we outline the process for anyone, seeking office, to be followed. The following is extracted from the By-Laws of the Uplands Residential Association, pg2, Article VI, Section 1 "Election of Officers", par 2, third sentence, "The nominating committee shall accept and include in the ballot any nominees support-

ted by a petition signed by five (5) or more dues-paying members of the Association. These nominees will be listed in the May meeting notice, which will be distributed to all residents no less than two (2) weeks prior to the date of the May meeting. Officers shall be nominated among the dues-paying members."

That time frame is now upon us. If anyone else wishes to seek election to any of the association offices, President, 1st V.P., 2nd V.P., Secretary, or Treasurer, please contact John Gibson or Pat McNamara and

provide the petitions for nomination, no later than 1 week prior to the May 12 meeting/election date. At the beginning of the election, that night, we will entertain a motion for suspension of the by-laws requirement for the earlier notification date, and then proceed to the election. Since we vote by secret ballot when an office is being contested, the committee will need your input in time to prepare ballots. In those offices where there is no opposition, the candidate will be declared unanimously elected.

If you have any questions on this subject, contact John Gibson, Chairman or Patrick McNamara, Vice chairman.

## OUTSIDE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

### A Taste of the West Bluff atThe Grand Tour

The Western Avenue Greenway Project is again sponsoring an event they call "A Taste of the West Bluff". This event will occur on May 15th in association with the **Grand Tour of Homes**.

There will be free trolley rides from the Radisson on Western Avenue to the homes. At the Radisson, there will be live music, food and wine under a tent from noon to 6:00PM. For details, contact Dave Pittman at 673-6438 or Jim Donahue at 679-0901.

Those who attended last year reported a

great time. Put it on your calendar.

### PeoriaCares

Effective March 1,2004 the new Peoria-Cares initiative was implemented at the direction of City Manager, Randy Oliver. The primary focus is to increase customer service to the citizens of Peoria by providing a central phone number to contact. You can contact PeoriaCares at 494-CARE (2273) or via e-mail at peoriacares@ci.peoria.il.us. The Peoria-Cares telephone line is staffed Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Leave messages after hours and they will be returned the next work day.

### 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

## Uplands Happenings:

### Walking Group

Sally Tiessen, is forming an Uplands Early-Morning-Walking Group, and is looking for participants. "If you would like to briskly walk our lovely neighborhood at 6:00A.M. for approximately 1/2 hour, (tentatively set for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays), please contact Sally at 676-8284.

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## Neighborhood Watch

Due to several incidents that have been reported lately, it has become apparent that we need to dust off an old concept that has fallen into disuse. We are looking for a Chairperson for the Uplands Safety Committee. Jill Byrd has volunteered to work as co-chair along with others who are interested in restarting the Neighborhood Watch. If you are interested in chairing this effort, or if you just want to get involved, please contact Uplands President, Jerry Jackson. We will access city staff support for help in getting this restarted.

### "Many Thanks"

The following was dropped off to be included in the April edition, and was inadvertently omitted. "Many thanks to the volunteer walkers and Uplanders who donated to the Anti-Hunger Coalition Can-a-thon on March 13th. Your contributions helped stock our shelves at the West/Mark Food Pantry". From Jane Morrison 688-9764.

## UPLANDS BOOK CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

**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 Hollowell, 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

As we have done in other areas, but have neglected to do in the book club area, we need to thank Margaret Hanley and all of the Uplanders who have opened their homes to host the monthly meetings. Once again, this is just another indication of the vitality of The Uplands.

### The Grand Tour of Homes

Sunday, May 15, 2005

12:00 P.M to 5:00 P.M.

Ticket Donations \$10 in advance or \$12.00 on Day of Tour

Visit historic homes in Armstrong-Ellis, Arbor District, Columbia Terrace North, Cottage District, Orchard District, High-Wine, UPLANDS, Moss-Bradley, Randolph-Roanoke, and University East

Ticket available at Floral Expressions, Sterling Flower Shop, Gregg Florists, Monier's Flowers, Marilyn's Bow K, Leo's Flowers, Finishing Touches, The Hair Shoppe, Greetings & Goodies, and The Spotted Cow.

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New Association Website:  
[www.uplandspeoria.com](http://www.uplandspeoria.com)

**UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSN. OFFICERS:**

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**1st V.P.:** Bernard Goitein, 1625 W. Columbia Terr. 637-0460, bjgoblue@aol.com.

**2nd V.P.:** Kathleen Greenberg, 1212 N. Parkside Dr.  
673-2504, greenbergfamily1@insightbb.com

**Treasurer:** Judy Krajewski, 1630 W. Parkside Dr.,  
676-5342, jkrajew@mbusa.net

**Secretary:** Suzanne Jackson, 1017 N. Maplewood Ave,  
676-1496, sonyun@aol.com

**Presidents Comments:**

Fellow Uplanders,

One of the few drawbacks to living in these beautiful older homes in Peoria and elsewhere is that homes built before 1978 contain lead based paint, if it has not already been removed. Simply covering it with other coats of paint does not remove the problem. Lead poisoning is preventable, yet every year children are exposed to dangerous levels of lead in their homes. As we go about the process of redecorating, we need to keep this threat in mind. Children and pregnant women are at particular risk. Contact the Peoria City/County Health Department at 679-6131 for more information.

One of the many tools used by the city of Peoria, based largely on research done right here in The Uplands several years ago, is the Rental Registration and Inspections Ordinance that many of us fought to get implemented. Now, **SB1727** has been introduced in the Illinois Senate by Chicago area Sen. Martin Sandoval (D) on February 25th and passed out of the Senate on April 15th. It was introduced in the Illinois House on April 15, by another Chicago legislator, Rep Edward Acevedo (D), and was referred to the Rules Committee.

The bill creates the **Residential Inspection Ordinance Act**. Instead of supporting the Peoria ordinance, it seeks to seriously water down the beneficial effects of the ordinance, and in fact renders it almost useless. We've got to contact Rep Schock and Rep Leitch to ask them to oppose this bill. In fact, we should also contact Sen. Shadid and Sen Reisinger to indicate our opposition. There is not much time, and the bill has powerful backing. Landlords Love it!  
**JDJ**

**NEW UPLANDERS:**

**Jim & Lisa Ferolo, and child, 1507 W. Columbia Terrace**

**Susan Dewar, 1614 W. Parkside Drive.**

**Jared & Sandra Lonergan, 1405 W. Columbia Terrace.**

Welcome to The Uplands, and to The Uplands Residential Association, Peoria's oldest, at 102 years old. We invite you to join us.

Neighbors, get to know these new Uplanders, and show them proof that they are now part of the greatest neighborhood in the city of Peoria.

**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 2004 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Safety Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form and dues check, in the amount of \$10.00, payable to Uplands Residential Association, to: Judy Krajewski, Treasurer, P.O. Box 5787, Peoria, IL 61650-5787.