

THE UPLANDER

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UPLANDS R. A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

Next Membership Meeting;

Date: January 13, 2005

Time: 7:00PM—8:30PM

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.
 - Neighborhood Alliance
 - Med-Tech
- Standing Committee Reports:
 - Long Range Planning
 - Traffic

Parking

Beautification

Zoning & Land Use

Problem Housing

Block Captains

- Representation to Outside Organizations.

West Bluff Council

West Bluff NHS

Peoria NDC

Historic Preservation

- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

Next Month's Scheduled Meeting of Uplands Residential Assn:

February 10, 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.

Harris Carpet Cleaning

J Jills

Jackson Financial Services

Johnson Mechanical Svcs., Inc.

Les Femme Faux, & Painting

Peoria Art Guild

Ponte Vecchio

Rhythm Kitchen

The Medicine Shoppe on Western

Tour Ice.

Visiting Angels of Greater Peoria.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Uplands Coffee:

January 19, 2005 - 7:00 PM, Home of Suzanne Jackson, 1017 N. Maplewood Ave., 676-1496.

February 18 - 9:30 AM, Jane Morrison, 1503 W. Parkside Dr., 688-9764

March ??, Volunteer Hostess Needed.

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

May (date to be determined) - Inge Momany, 1604 W. Columbia Terr., 676-7208

Volunteer Co-ordinator is Christine McConnell. Please contact her at 677-6994 if you can fill the open spot in March.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: SUZANNE JACKSON, SECRETARY

Minutes of Meeting of November 11, 2004:

MINUTES - Minutes of the October 14, 2004 meeting were read and approved.

FINANCIAL - Balance is \$3,950.18. A note has been made that \$1,500.00 of this balance is for beautification of the Uplands. This money was gained through special grants over the last two years from The Grand Tour of Homes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - A meeting of the Western Alliance was held at Avanti's on the first Wednesday of November. John Gibson attended and brought Ron Budzinski, Chairman of the Heart of Peoria

Commission and J.P. O'Brien, Chairman of the Neighborhood Housing Committee of the same commission. Discussion centered on planning for Main Street. Concern has been voiced about the Med-Tech Charette that introduced the plan to narrow Main Street to two lanes. The outcome of the meeting was that a letter will be drafted and signed by the three neighborhood presidents asking the Med-Tech Commission and the city to complete traffic studies of the area affected before any decisions or actions are taken to make the changes of this recommendation of the consultant from Philadelphia.

PRESENTATION OF BRADLEY EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH - The

usual agenda was set aside for the presentation by Pastor Tom Eckhart. Pastor Tom addressed the meeting with needs of the congregation to expand the operating facility. He gave a background of the church and its recent growth, overwhelming the present configuration of the facilities. Their solution of going to three services, worked only for a while, and now they have overcrowding at the 10:30 AM service. The sanctuary only holds 150. He reported that after prolonged prayerful consideration, they decided to remain in this location, but that in order to do so, they needed to expand, not only the church facilities, but to also address their shortage of off-street parking. They hit upon a solution that could

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not only help to meet these needs, but would preserve the residential integrity of the neighborhood. They have already purchased the house on University, across the alley from their parking lot, and directly behind Lee Mehl's home. In time they wish to acquire the rest of the properties up to the middle alley. The major difference in planning concept from past efforts, is that they will not seek to demolish the former residences, but will upgrade those that properties that are in decline, for use by the church. They would also plan to retain the garage on the first property to use for storage of landscape maintenance equipment.

nance equipment.

They would seek to remove some of the other garages and put a hard surface down in the rear areas to increase parking areas for daytime use by their own use of the former residences, and for worship service parking needs. They anticipate potentially adding up to eight spaces per property.

Uses of the buildings would range from administrative; Youth Ministry with the Youth Minister living on the second floor and the first floor being used for meeting rooms and offices. Another possibility would be to use a house of prayer, open and staffed 24/7 all year round. Another

use would for internships for Bradley students, who would want to learn about religion, and where bible study could be conducted as well as outreach to other areas of the city. Such students might be housed there in return for their service. Most of the homes in question are rental, with attendant off-street parking requirements. Some of those are graveled parking, due to being grandfathered prior to the last Code Revision.

UPLANDS WEBSITE - The Uplander will be posted each month on the website.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS - Going up Nov 20th will help of Fire Station #3 personnel.

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PARKING - The parking permits for affected residents may be picked up at the City Treasurer's office after Thanksgiving.

Next meeting will be on January 13, 2005.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Jackson, Secretary

OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO LITERACY

Communication was received from Nancy Rakoff, Executive Director of Common Place. It reads:

"Can any of us change the world?"

Trevor, a 12 year old boy living in a small California town with his mother has an extra credit homework assignment: THINK OF AN IDEA FOR WORLD CHANGE, AND PUT IT INTO ACTION.

This challenging assignment is the premise for *Pay it Forward*, the Peoria Reads! Selection for 2005 by author Catherine Ryan

Hyde. Now in its fourth year, Peoria Reads! is a coalition of 18 organizations, libraries, school districts led by Common Place and the Peoria Public Library. We encourage hundreds of individuals to read the same significant book at the same time and then discuss it.

The goals are, to help increase human understanding in the Peoria area across economic, racial, educational and generational lines."

There is more, but space here is limited.

They are looking for book clubs, etc. to join in the effort. To that end, the author will visit on March 1st. If interested call 674-3315.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification - Nothing to report at this time.

Block Captains - In process of being organized.

Long Range Planning - Committee met on December 13, and will meet again on Monday, January 10. Written report will be made at January 13 meeting. As reported at November meeting, chairman John Gibson met with the presidents of Arbor District, Moss-Bradley and The Uplands, along with Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Heart of Peoria Commission in Novem-

ber. Focus of the discussion was the past attempts to further commercial development in the vicinity of Main and University, to the detriment of residential quality of life. Recommendations to restrict the flow of vehicular traffic on West Main Street to two lanes was also a topic of discussion.

Ron Budzinski and J.P. O'Brien appreciated the opportunity to open up a line of communications and look forward to future meetings.

We also give thanks to Peoria City Director of Public Works, Steve Van Win

kle and Tom O'Neal from his department, who worked with AmerenCILCO to "get the lights back on" in the 1600 block of Columbia Terrace in time for "Trick or Treats" night.

By John Gibson, Chairman

Parking - For those in affected areas of the Uplands, 2005 parking permits can be obtained in the office of City Treasurer, first office on right, just inside front door of City Hall. Fee is \$10 per vehicle. Permit must be in rear window of car by January 3, 2005. Visitor passes, will

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be provided, per address. Passes are only for residents living within the permit areas.

By Bob Reuler, Chairman

Traffic - No report available.

Zoning & Land Use - Land use issues come up at the meetings of the Neighborhood Development Commission sub committee on which I sit. We are making progress slowly but surely on freezing tax assessments for im-

provements for which building permit was obtain, establishing a legal basis. Promotion of awareness of existence of the freeze status is under discussion. We are also discussing extension of tax freeze to all improvements that increase value of the property, regardless of use of the permit.

By Bernie Goitein, 1st V.P., Chairman

(Absence of submission of a written report from a committee does not say that nothing is happening; only that no report was available at this time.)

Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, January 10th at 5:30 PM in Suite 420 in Twin Towers offices of City of Peoria.

This organization is still in the formative stages and is meant as a common forum for presidents, or designated representatives of neighborhood associations city wide. Topics range from ground rules to structure. Built on models of Peoria Neighborhood Congress, which became inactive, it is meant to advise City Manager.

UPLANDS BOOK CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

Jan 5, 2005 No Book, Meet at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, Shoppes at Grande Prairie, 7:00 PM, No Children.

Feb 2, 2005 "Inside the Kingdom: My life in Saudi Arabia, by Carmen bin Ladin, home of Jolie Jennetten, 1608 W. Parkside Dr. 637-5573

March 2, 2005 "The Rule of Four", by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason, home of Kathleen Cazzato, 1222 N. Parkside Dr., 655-0562

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

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 Anunciation 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

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION EST. 1902

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Presidents Comments:

The dues are now due!

Fellow Uplanders,

According to the "By-Laws of the Uplands Residential Association", as revised in April 2004,

- A. "The annual dues for residents are \$10.00 per address, per calendar year, with a maximum of 2 votes per address.
- B. The annual dues for Non-resident owners are \$10.00 per calendar year, with no more than 1 vote per non-resident owner regardless of the number of structures owned in the Uplands"

That means that January, not June, not the Annual Uplands Picnic, is the month in which we pay our annual dues. Below you will find a form for your completion, which can then be removed and sent in with your check. In past years, we have included an envelope, but in the interest of economy, we have chosen this year to print the form. Just so as to not be delinquent, the four officers of The Uplands, who were in attendance at a meeting at my home, wrote checks for their 2005 dues. At this time, only the one officer who was unable to attend is not paid, but we're not worried. We will continue the registration form in The Uplander.

Second V.P. Greenberg has been working to re-establish the Block Captain System. If you are willing to help us out in that capacity, please call her at 673-2504. In addition to meeting and greeting new Uplanders, it will be their duty to get them signed up for URA. In that vein, we plan to have them contact non-responders in March.

JDJ

UPLANDS NEWS:

New Uplanders:

Curphy Smith & Abby Lipper, 1100 N. Glenwood

Patrick Jenetten, 1410 W. Columbia Terrace

Pete Maroun , 1026 N. Institute Place, to be joined in the future by bride Kara (Turner) in April.

Rob & Megan Vlach, 1510 W. Parkside Drive

Welcome to Peoria's original neighborhood association, founded in 1902.

New Executive Director of Peoria Art Guild.

Michelle Traver, who has lived most of her life in The Uplands, and resides with her son, Ben, on Institute Place, has recently been named Executive Director of the Peoria Art Guild. Michelle grew up in the home at 1405 W. Columbia Terrace, which has most recently been owned by Dave & Jan Joynt.

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 _____

Send completed form and dues check, payable to Uplands Residential Association, to: Judy Krajewski, Treasurer, 1630 W. Parkside Drive, Peoria, IL 61606.