



# FENCE TALK

## HEIGHTS PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The University Heights neighborhood picnic will be held Sunday September 14 in Lewis Park. The hours will be between 3:00 and 7:00. The Neighborhood Association will provide a large barbeque cooker, complete with charcoal, for the use of all who wish to barbeque. Drinks and will also be provided, courtesy of the Neighborhood Association. (beer, soda and water)

The meal will be potluck, bring a dish to share and your choice of meat. Also bring your neighbors and friends to help you eat from the bounty provided (there will be plenty of food).

There will be entertainment, and a prize for the best table decoration. We expect there will be the usual lively conversation made even more lively by the prospect of the November elections. Our local political representatives have been invited and we hope they will take the opportunity to speak to us and work the crowd.

### SEE YOU THERE!

See [pictures](#) from last year's picnic on Page 2!

## A Truly Green Mile

From Dave Smith

Some good friends of ours, who of course live in U. City, told me about a unique way that they take their walks. When leaving the house they both grab a trash bag. While getting their exercise, they pick up litter along the way and by the end of their journey, the bags are almost full.

This has caught on in their neighborhood to the point that a trash bag in hand is getting a wave hello from smiling faces.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Remember, bags are not an option for dog walkers!

## CENTURY HOME PLAQUES NOW AVAILABLE

Many houses in University City, and in the Heights, have reached the age of 100 years. Many more will do so soon. The Historical Society of University City has plaques available which identify these significant houses. U. Heights resident Dean Smith designed the plaques and supervised their construction. We hope century home owners will want to display a plaque proudly on their homes.

Applications for a century home plaque are available at the University City Library. The applications contain instructions telling what documentation is necessary and the procedure for filing an application. Plaques cost \$100 for members of the Historical Society, one dollar for each of the first 100 years of your houses life. Non-members will be charged \$120. If you have any questions contact **Sigrid Renner** at 727-2547.

## CALENDAR

- Week of Sep. 8** Bulky Items Pickup (aka "Big Trash")
- September 14** Neighborhood Picnic
- October** Oktoberfest Thursday nights
- October 3&4** 22nd Annual Loop in Motion Arts Festival
- October** Great Pumpkin Awards for the best Halloween decorations. Explorer Scout support for neighborhood trick-or-treating.
- December 6** 11am-6pm Loop Holiday Walk
- December** Luminaria, Progressive Dinner

## Safety!

Summertime is the easiest time for opportunistic theft. Don't invite those opportunities. Lock your house when you leave, when you are home, when you are upstairs, when you are in the yard. Keep yard lights on. Lock your car. Tell the police when you go away.

# WHAT ARE YOU READING?

FROM *THE GREAT GATSBY* TO *THE YELLOW BOOK* – LET US KNOW!

If you are enjoying a book currently, send Fence Talk a very quick synopsis of the book and your thoughts. Four to six sentences will suffice. Kids books, fiction, non-fiction, poetry...it's all of interest!

## From Mark Johnston:

*Since we live in something of a faculty neighborhood, I thought it would be appropriate to make recommendations in my favorite genre of literature: academic fiction. My favorites are Straight Man by Richard Russo, Small World, Trading Places, and Nice Work by David Lodge, and Rookery Blues and The Dean's List by Jon Hassler (everything else by Hassler is well worth reading). All of these books do a good job of skewering the denizens of academia (not that that's much of a challenge) with good humor and sometimes subtle insight. I'm hoping that the next one on my pile, Tom Wolfe's I Am Charlotte Simmons is in the same league.*

## HEIGHTS UNDERACHIEVER:

FEATURED IN RECENT ISSUE OF WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY *RECORD*

Read about the newest endeavor of Heights neighbor Henry Biggs here:

<http://record.wustl.edu/news/page/normal/11756.html>

## 2007 PICNIC PIX

Photos by Nan Rochberg



# FROM OUR TRUSTEES

*From Judy Baernstein*

## **Lampposts: the Agony and the Ecstasy**

Our lampposts are our most identifiable feature, our logo, as it were. Covered with snow or wreathed in flowers, they make our intersections notable. Unfortunately, they also get in the way of new drivers, careless drivers, and trucks backing up.

The lights have fallen in the line of duty three times in the last three years and probably three more in the five years before that. Currently, a very skilled person has been doing the repairs and rebuilding what can not be repaired, with incredible results. The usual cost of the work to repair a major break in the stem, as well as rebuilding the top frame, which usually gets bent badly, is \$2,000 to \$3,000, which includes reinstalling it. In addition, there are electrician costs to get it turned on. The chief agony about these breaks has been dealing with AmerenUE, who must shut off the power before anyone can work on them and turn it back on at the end. They did a wonderful prompt job of this on the recent Princeton/Trinity break.

The person causing the accident is responsible for the damages, but only once in maybe six of these times did the person come forward. The rest of the time the subdivision insurance paid the costs, less the deductible. We encourage everyone to keep an eye out for these unfortunate events and call the police, as well as a trustee, with the license plate and description of the vehicle immediately.

Is there a way to prevent these accidents? Installing bollards (like in front of City Hall) or putting gardens around them have been suggested. It seems that frequently trucks in reverse hit the top with their long body. Because the truck body extends so far out from behind the wheels, the bollards would have to be many feet out to stop the bodies from hitting the top. We do not have enough room for a ten foot diameter ring of bollards, never mind the esthetics of the issue.

P.S. The reason why the light at Trinity/Columbia has been out for months is that AmerenUE won't come to turn on the power. You are all invited to try to get them to act (342-1000).

## **Students on the *Move***

*Compiled by Eileen Pheiffer*

**Elena Slavin**, on Cornell, a junior and member of the Dean's list at Macalester College, is studying Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies. Elena will head to Cairo for a semester in August, to live and study in Egypt. She hopes to perfect her Arabic and travel to other countries in the Middle East. She spent the summer working for Margaret Donnelly's campaign for Attorney General.

**Alec Slavin** just finished his sophomore year at Whitfield, where he earned a Whitfield Scholar award for the fourth year. He is very interested in film and has made a documentary this spring and worked on a film crew over the summer with a Webster College grad film student. Alec continues to fence competitively and in March won a national medal, placing in the top 8 in Division II Men's Foil in Chicago.

**Alison Damick**, who also lives on Cornell, has been in her element this summer, digging in the sand. She worked on an Epi-paleolithic site in Azraq, Jordan and is now working on a Middle Bronze Age site near Tyre, Lebanon. These field assignments are required for her to complete her MA in Cultural Heritage Preservation and Field Archaeology at University College, London. After cataloguing artifacts in Beirut for a week or so, she'll return to London, before heading back to St. Louis in November.

After graduating from Washington University with a major in Art History, **Cayla Damick** relocated to NYC. She is interning at Art Partner, an artists management firm while attempting to find an affordable apartment and a paying job, no small quest in the Big Apple.

**Andrea Johnson**, on Harvard, is starting her second year in a Master's program in Art History at the University of Connecticut. Over the summer she did an internship in a gallery in West Hartford, CT. Her brother **Wesley** is starting his second year at Missouri, where he is a Sociology major. Wesley worked at Washington University School of Medicine over the summer, assisting the staff in the Division of Biostatistics with the academic summer programs.



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**MESSAGE THERAPIST**  
Amy Ziegler- 727-1903

**HAVE AN OLD BIKE?**  
I am looking for any old bicycles that you want to get rid of, working or not. St. Louis Artworks has a number of students that are building a bike rack out of old bikes. If you have any, let me know and I will come pick up.  
Dan Martin 314.721.2907

**HVAC WORK**  
Call Dave Gardin 314.308.7696

**TENNIS, ANYONE?**  
Serious youth tennis players who are interested in professional tennis lessons may contact Emmanuel Yentumi, USPTA Professional Instructor, at (314) 726-5348.

**EXPERT EUROPEAN-TRAINED HOUSE PAINTING AND CUSTOM RESTORATION** Roger Douek, Architectural colorist. 341-5009.

**New to U. Heights?**  
Call Margaret Rosielle at 725-5936 for a Welcome Packet.

**Heights email list!**  
The UHA and Trustees occasionally send emails to residents about meetings, social events and important UH matters. We keep your email addresses private and the emails infrequent but useful. To add or remove yourself, contact Fence Talk.

## NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

### BABY SITTERS

Martha Yentumi	726-5348
Zach Dean	725-4274
Joey Ferber	727-2634
Becky Ferber	727-2634
Jack Biggs	727-8435

### MOTHER'S HELPERS

Megan King	863-6978
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### LAWN MOWERS

Arthur Yentumi	726-5348
Zach Dean	725-4274
Joey Ferber	727-2634
Becky Ferber	727-2634

### PET SITTERS

Joey Ferber	727-2634
Becky Ferber	727-2634

## YOUR TRUSTEES

Joyce Daughaday  
863-3966 -- JoyceDaughaday@remax.net

Judy Baernstein  
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Morton Hyman  
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## 2007-'08 UHA BOARD

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Richard Muehlmann	6932 Amherst
Ed Renner	739 Radcliffe
Margaret Rosielle	17 Princeton
Jim Ross	21 Princeton
Matthew Tillstrom	729 Harvard
Shari LeKane-Yentumi	6939 Dartmouth

## WHOM TO CALL

**BARKING DOGS:** First call the owner; if that fails, call Police 725-2211

**STRAY ANIMALS:** Police 725-2211

**EXCESSIVE NOISE AFTER 10:00 PM:**  
Police 725-2211

**TREES ENTWINED IN POWER LINES:**  
Ameren UE 342-1000

**TREE PROBLEMS ON TREELAWNS:** Judy Baernstein, 725-8530

**TREES, SHRUBS, ETC. FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALK, UNSIGHTLY GRASS OR WEEDS OVER 8' HIGH ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, TRASH CONTAINERS LEFT OUT TOO LONG AFTER PICKUP, TRASH OR LITTER:**  
U-City Environmental Dept. 862-6767

**TOO MANY RESIDENTS IN ONE HOUSE:**  
U-City Housing & Zoning 862-6767

**TREELAWN LIGHTS BURNED OUT OR DAMAGED:**  
Ameren UE 342-1000

**INTERSECTION LIGHTS BURNED OUT OR DAMAGED:** Contact a Trustee (info at right)

**GENERAL COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE HEIGHTS:** Contact a Trustee (info in middle column)

**ASSESSMENT AND PAYMENT QUESTIONS:** Joyce Daughaday 863-3966

**NEW NEIGHBOR WELCOME PACKETS:**  
Margaret Rosielle 725-5936

**HEIGHTS WEB SITE:** www.fencetalk.org

**FENCE TALK:** Matthew Tillstrom 265-6620  
If you have any ideas or content, email:  
[fencetalk@universityheightsonline.org](mailto:fencetalk@universityheightsonline.org).

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