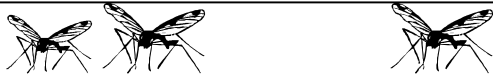
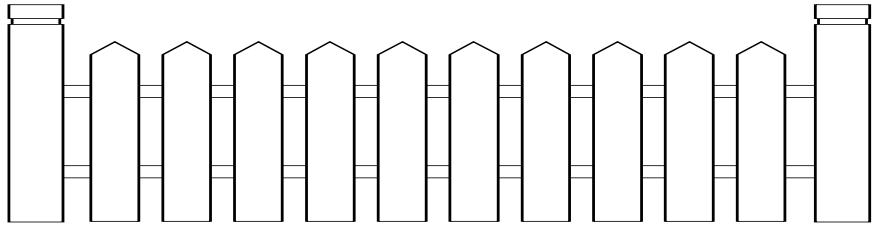


FENCE TALK

AUGUST, 2002



MOSQUITOES!!!

Many of you are aware that University City has a high concentration of dead birds found to be infected with the West Nile Virus. The virus is spread by mosquitoes when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then transmit the virus to humans and animals.

The St. Louis County Health Department has been spraying for mosquitoes in University Heights. However, since spraying is only a temporary solution, the health department recommends the following to reduce your risk of becoming infected with West Nile Virus:

- stay indoors at dawn, dusk and early evening
- wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors
- spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing
- apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. (an effective repellent will contain 35% DEET--any higher concentration provides no additional protection)

Most importantly, please protect the entire neighborhood by eliminating standing water, the breeding grounds for mosquitoes:

- discard tires, cans, buckets, and other containers so they do not collect water
- cover or store boats, canoes, wheelbarrows upside down when not in use
- empty wading pools and birdbaths
- change water and rinse ornamental plant containers weekly
- empty and refill pets water containers daily
- fill holes in trees with sand
- repair leaky pipes, outside faucets—don't let standing water accumulate

- report and problems with sewer or storm creeks causing standing water to MSD or county officials
- don't dump grass clippings, branches or other items into storm creeks
- clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs

Mosquitoes develop only in water...and water standing for a little over one week can produce a crop of mosquitoes.

The West Nile encephalitis is an infection of the brain caused by the virus. It is believed that people over 50 have the highest risk of severe disease. The health department statistics say the risk of infection is low: Less than 1% of mosquitoes are infected, if the mosquito is infected, less than 1% of people who get bitten and become infected will get severely ill. However, there is no vaccine for the virus and the illness can be severe. Symptoms appear from 3 to 15 days after infection, and include fever, headache and body aches, occasional skin rash and swollen lymph glands. More severe infections may be marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions.



STUDENTS ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to our neighborhood high school graduates! There are several of them this year and they all seem to have exciting plans. Jessica Simoncelli, of Amherst, graduated from John Burroughs and will be attending Tufts University in Boston. Jessica was active in the Model UN there and will continue pursuing her interests by majoring in International Relations.

Sarah Schwarz, of Princeton, attended Whitfield School and she will be in the Health Scholars Program at St. Louis University. Sarah intends to go to Medical School and pursue a career in Health Administration. Older brother John attends the University of Louisville.

University City High School graduate, Drew Bloom-Ellis, of Yale, will be studying Audio Production at Webster University. Drew's older sisters are attending the University of Missouri at Columbia. Whew, three in college!

Sam Christman, of Yale, is a graduate of St. Louis University High School and his plans take the cake for excitement. Sam will be spending a semester at the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in Baja, Mexico. NOLS is the leading institution in Wilderness Education. Sam will be spending one month each in sea kayaking, sailing and backpacking.

New York State will be claiming Virginia Remus, an MICDS graduate, this fall. Virginia will be attending the University of Rochester and plans to major in Psychology. Older sister Elizabeth also heads out East to continue her studies at Williams in Massachusetts.

Andrea Johnson, of Harvard, is another one who is interested in psychology. She is a graduate of University City High School and she is heading north to Beloit College in Wisconsin. Andrea also plans to concentrate her studies in languages.

University City High school graduate Evan Johnston, of Amherst, is heading to Denison University in Granville, Ohio, to major in Music/Media Technology. Evan is an accomplished drummer and pianist and hopes to expand into the areas of music production and composition. He will continue piano lessons and begin voice lessons. In his words, "Do it all, musically."

Middlebury, Vermont, is an idyllic town and home to Middlebury College. Alison Damick, of Cornell and a graduate of University City High will be studying there, majoring in International Studies. She will be pursuing a European specialization, with a French focus.

The state bordering Vermont to the east is New Hampshire, and that is where you'll find Brittany Pheiffer this fall. Brittany, also from University City High School, will be attending Dartmouth College in Hanover. Brittany will be a government major, with an emphasis on International Relations.

And finally, Evan Pheiffer, while not yet out of high school, is also a student on the move. Evan, a University City High School student, will be spending the year as an exchange student in France. Evan will be living with a host family on the Marne River in the eastern suburbs of Paris. Evan is a rower with the St. Louis Rowing club and he will continue with this sport at a rowing club just 100 yards from his host family's home. He will be attending the Lycee Pablo Picasso, the local French high school.

(thanks to Eileen Pheiffer for the 'scoop' on our students. If you have any news to add, contact Janet Schaper, FenceTalk editor at 726-5352 or janetschaper@planetstl.com)

NOTES FROM NEIGHBORS

I would like to thank all those (mostly anonymous) neighbors who have left egg cartons or grocery bags on my front porch for Trinity Episcopal Church's food pantry. This really helps them to save on supply expenses and to buy eggs in bulk. KEEP 'EM COMING!! to 727 Yale. I'm also happy to pick up; just call me at 863-3966. Thanks again!!! Joyce Daughaday

Streets and Sidewalks—Vehicles and People

It is a tradition in University Heights for pedestrians to walk in the streets. So far, no walker has been killed or seriously injured. However, more and more families seem to be taking to the streets after dark, pushing strollers or walking dogs, wearing dark clothing and getting upset with drivers who are on the streets. Even though the sidewalks are uneven, the streets are for vehicles. Many street lights are shaded by trees; the streets are curvy, cars parked on both sides do not leave extra room. In short, it is dangerous to walk in the street, especially after dark. Those who do have made a decision to put themselves in harm's way, and must be responsible for their own safety. People who have been driving fifteen miles per hour have come around a curve at night to find walkers in dark clothing pushing strollers in the middle of the street! We all know many drivers go much faster. We walk in the street ourselves, but we hotfoot it to the curb when there is any possibility of meeting a car. SAFETY FIRST!!

The Renners

University Heights, a Great Place to Live!

or

Do You Know What Your Home is Worth?

Earlier this year I was rereading an article in *St. Louis Magazine* (Feb 01) entitled "The Best Places to Live". Of course, we all know that the answer to that is University Heights #1!

The magazine ranked U City #5, behind Clayton, Ladue, Chesterfield and Kirkwood, citing our diversity, urban feel and the amenities of the Loop. In their brief paragraph they did not even touch on what is most important to me and to most of my friends, acquaintances and clients: a strong sense of neighborhood, complete with neighborhood activities and friendly concern among neighbors for each other and for quality of life in the various neighborhoods; and, the character, style and relative value of the homes found here.

This article also contained a chart with some statistics on 30 communities in the metro area. Of these, 6 (Brentwood, Central West End, Eureka, Maplewood, Olivette and University City) showed average home prices in 2000 that were more than double their average home prices in 1990. University City was one of the highest of these, with an increase of 192% from \$76,800 to over \$225,000.

Even though I have been tracking prices in U City for years and am well aware of how much various neighborhoods have

appreciated, this really made me stop and think! Many of us have been in our homes for many years. Do we know what they are worth today? When was the last time each of us reviewed our homeowners insurance policy to make sure it is keeping up? How does this affect our thoughts about refinancing, remodeling, or selling? The combination of high home values and low interest rates could provide an excellent opportunity to update.

If you are interested in refinancing, upgrading your insurance, remodeling or selling, or, if you are simply curious to know what your home would be worth in today's market, don't hesitate to call

Joyce Daughaday, Your Neighborhood Realtor
RE/MAX Associates, (314) 727-1120.

BOARD REPORT

At its June meeting, the University Heights Board elected members to the remaining officer positions. This year's officers are:

President	Jeff Massey
Vice President	Joe Wilson
Treasurer	Theresa Biggs
Asst Treasurer	Dan Martin
Secretary	Sarah Wolf
Asst Secretary	Leslie Futral
Welcome Packets	Julie Lazaroff
Sign Poster	David Smith
Postcards	Leslie Futral

The board is in the process of gathering/updating addresses for the new neighborhood directory.

The board decided to cancel its July meeting and move it to August, so they could better prepare for the neighborhood picnic in September.

The board discussed commissioning more National Historic Plaques. Several board members attended the City Council meeting on May 20th to express concern about the possibility of a 24 hour Laundromat opening at Vernon & Kingsland (directly behind our neighborhood). They were successful in having the matter tabled pending further investigation of impact on neighborhoods.

NEIGHBORS ON THE MOVE

The Goldsteins, who currently reside at 755 Radcliff have purchased the Coyle residence at 6969 Amherst and have exciting plans for a historic rehab, prior to moving into their new home. If you, friends or family are looking for a home in "The Heights", take a look in the Fence Talk Unclassifieds.

NEW NEIGHBORS

We have a lot of new neighbor welcomes to catch up :

757 Yale	Michael and Jill Bluhm
6966 Dartmouth	Valeri McKinley
6960 Cornell	Doug and Kerri Rendleman
734 Yale	Amina Gharbi
#1 Yale	Michael and Mary Edgerton
6939 Columbia	Edward & Elizabeth Butler
734 Trinity	David Brewer
728 Trinity	Carlos Diaz Granados-Duncan

Welcome back to Judith Gainer, who has moved back to her home on Harvard from New York.

A belated welcome to Charlotte Marie, daughter of the Stubbes on Yale, born December 17, 2001.

2002-2003 University Heights Association Board

Ashlea Clark	6900 Cornell	721-2755
Julie Lazaroff	6955 Cornell	862-2871
Dan Martin	740 Trinity	721-2907
David Smith	765 Yale	725-4974
Sarah Wolf	#3 Princeton	862-1973
Leslie Futral	780 Yale	862-8664
Zareena Koch	6945 Dartmouth	721-3881
Linda Strassburger	#4 Princeton	721-6476
Victoria Thomas	6936 Columbia	434-6969
Joe Wilson	733 Harvard	725-1484
Theresa Biggs	6955 Amherst	727-8435
Jim Cartwright	771 Radcliffe	725-9739
Tammy Jennings	780 Yale	726-4690
Jeff Massey	6941 Dartmouth	726-1250

IMPORTANT DATES

August 13	Board Meeting	6955 Cornell
September 10	Board Meeting	765 Yale
September 19	BIG TRASH DAY	U Heights
September 22	Annual Picnic	Lewis Park
September 29	Rain Date-Annual Picnic	
October 8	Board Meeting	#3 Princeton
October 14-18	Leaf Collection	U Heights
November 4-8	Leaf Collection	U Heights
November 12	Board Meeting	6941 Dartmouth
December 2-6	Leaf Collection	U Heights
December 19	BIG TRASH DAY	U Heights
December 21&22	Luminaria Sales	Garage @ Harvard
December 22	Luminaria	U Heights
December 29	Rain Date - Luminaria	
January 14	Board Meeting	740 Trinity
February 11	Board Meeting	733 Harvard
March 11	Board Meeting	In the Loop
April 22	Annual Meeting	U City Library

