



FENCE TALK

December 2004

LUMINARIA

The 22nd annual University Heights Luminaria Celebration will be held **Sunday, December 19th at 6pm**. To welcome winter and brighten one of the longest nights of the year, we line our sidewalks with traditional Mexican luminaries and invite everyone to take a winter stroll and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood by candlelight.

Luminaria supplies (bags, sand and candles) will be sold by the University Heights Association on Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th at the **VACANT LOT AT RADCLIFFE AND COLUMBIA**. Sets of 5 will be sold for \$5; sets of 15 will be sold for \$12.

Sale Hours: SAT 10am to 4pm; SUN noon to 4pm.

Lighting time is 6pm



The neighborhood looks best when there is a continuous line of lights on each street, so please participate and urge your neighbors to participate. If you have a neighbor who is elderly or infirm who would like to participate, please offer them your assistance.

Our luminaries are a tradition borrowed from Mexico. They consist of paper bags illuminated by candles. Sand is used to weight the bag and keep the candle in place. We place them 3' to 5' apart along the sidewalk in front of our homes and light the candles at 6pm. You may also line your driveway, walk or porch if you wish. The candles sold by the association last about 12 hours and burn out in the sand.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec 16	Big Trash Day!
Dec 18 & 19	Lumiaria Sale
Dec 19	Luminaria 6pm
Jan 11	Neighborhood Association Meeting 21 Princeton 7pm
Feb 8	Neighborhood Association Meeting 739 Harvard 7pm
Mar 8	Neighborhood Association Meeting 6955 Amherst 7pm

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

VACANT LOT NEEDS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Dear Neighbors:

University Heights Association, Inc. is pleased to announce a fine resolution to the longstanding "Vacant Lot" problem. The trustees of University Heights Subdivision No. 1 have agreed to take ownership of this lot with a deed which states that the property will be held as common ground for the use and enjoyment of all lot owners. The County Council ruled that the UHA was not entitled to long term tax relief. However, they pointed out that common ground owned by a subdivision is never taxed. They have given us until the end of 2004 to transfer the deed to the trustees and thereby obtain tax free status from 2004 forward. We are grateful for the cooperation of the trustees in helping resolve this sticky problem. The long term goal of a tax-free vacant lot owned by all our residents has been achieved, albeit in a different fashion than we originally intended.

The unfortunate part is that we still owe the 2001, 2002, and 2003 taxes plus fees and interest, a total of \$6,175. UHA has used money from your gifts and our general fund to pay the legal expenses and will pay some of this tax bill, but we need \$4,800 to settle this once and for all.

We ask each of you who care about this lot to immediately send money. We realize this is asking a lot, but owning this lot has cost almost nothing until the last four years. Now we must pay up and move on to many future years of low cost ownership. We are attaching a membership/gift form and are hoping to hear from more of the 64% of the families who have not joined yet, as well as from our 122 dues-paying friends who might give us a bit more.

Time is of the essence. If you have questions about the legal transactions, Theresa Biggs, 727-8435, will talk to you. If you have financial questions, call Judy Baernstein, 725-8530. If you have money to share, please deliver it to Judy or call and we will pick it up.

Thank you, as always,

Theresa Biggs, President, UHA, Inc.



HAVE YOU BEEN TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF?

Have you been asked by a handyman if you needed work done on your house and asked for money upfront for materials, and the work has never been done and he is never seen again, or he avoids eye contact as he drives up the street? Unfortunately, we have received several complaints concerning certain individual handymen. While it isn't completely out of the question to ask for money up front, it certainly could be a red flag. What these questionable individuals need to know is that we, the Neighborhood Association are not going to let our neighbors be routinely cheated and taken advantage of. If you have been in this situation in the last year by someone and they either owe you a refund or completion of the job, please contact Dan Martin at 721-2907 or fencetalk@universityheightsonline.org.



Could this be the Last Fencetalk EVER? Turn to page 2 for more

RECYCLING, THE BIG PICTURE

By David Heinze

The Problem

The world has changed a lot in the past century. From individually packaged food servings to disposable diapers, more garbage is generated now than ever before. The average American discards seven and a half pounds of garbage every day. This garbage, the solid waste stream, goes mostly to landfills, where it's compacted and buried. As the waste stream continues to grow, so will the pressures on our landfills, our resources, and our environment.

Recycling - An Important Part Of The Solution.

The more we recycle, the less garbage winds up in our landfills and incineration plants. By reusing aluminum, paper, glass, plastics, and other materials, we can save production and energy costs, and reduce the negative impacts that the extraction and processing of virgin materials has on the environment.

In the last year, the City of St. Louis recycled more than 8,000,000 pounds of material. 2,904,000 pounds of this was newspaper. By making new paper products out of this much newspaper, the City saved

- the energy equivalent of 667,920 gallons of oil
- approximately 24,684 trees
- 11,616 cubic feet of landfill space
- and eliminated 87,120 pounds of air pollutants.



This is still just a fraction of what could be saved if more people got involved. This year, take a look at what you "throw away" and recycle like it's 1999! Over half of what we typically "throw away" can be recycled. *Why waste another day...Recycle!*

Missouri Recycles Day is held in conjunction with America Recycles Day every November 15th. Check the Missouri Recycling Association website for more information and even the chance to win a new 24-speed bike or a new Ford Escape Hybrid SUV at www.mora.org or www.americarecyclesday.org.



NOTE ABOUT TREE TRIMMERS:

Some residents have expressed concern that they have been approached by a "tree trimmer" knocking on their doors soliciting tree work. This person says they are from Illinois, but he does not have a business card. Unfortunately, he has not performed the most proper types of tree work for these unfortunate homeowners. There is a risk of hiring door knockers, not to mention, as discussed in the last issue of Fence Talk, soliciting without a permit in U. City is against the law.



FENCETALK EDITOR RETIRES

WILL THE NEWSLETTER CONTINUE? IT'S IN YOUR HANDS.

Nearly two years ago, when our last editor moved out of the neighborhood, we had no replacement editor. I volunteered to be an interim until a new editor was found. Well, years have gone by, and with a constant solicitation for a replacement, none have come forward. So here I am with one last plea. This WILL be my last Fencetalk. I have no problem helping the new publisher and will always contribute when needed. Furthermore, I will continue to send emails out when issues arise. The Fencetalk is a great vehicle to get news out to the neighborhood and it should not go by the waist side. So if you have a computer, Microsoft Word, and time, please attend the next neighborhood association meeting on January 11, at 21 Princeton.



DELMAR-HARVARD NEWS

by Diana Nichols

DELMAR-HARVARD LEADS THE DISTRICT IN MAP INDEX, AGAIN!

The Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) index assigned to Delmar-Harvard is the highest in the University City School District (UCSD) in 3 out of the 4 subjects tested! The 4th Graders took the Math and Social Studies tests. The 3rd Graders took the Science and Communications Arts tests.

The chart below presents the Map Index scores for the UCSD elementary schools, the Missouri state average, and the Clayton School District scores. Keep in mind, the higher the index number, the better the school ranking.

For a detailed explanation of the MAP Index calculation, please go to our school website, www.delmar-harvard.org, to review the October 2003 Newsletter or to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at www.dese.mo.gov.

2004 MAP INDEX RESULTS				
	Comm. Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
DELMAR HARVARD	225.9	240.8	250.0	213.2
Barbara Jordan	221.8	222.6	226.2	224
Flynn Park	214.5	216	226.4	218.9
Jackson Park	203.2	219	235.1	221.4
Nathaniel Hawthorne	197.2	219.2	219.8	168.3
Pershing	186.9	203.5	195.1	180.6
State of Missouri	201.9	214.4	224.4	221.3
Clayton School District	224.4	238.9	230.2	NA



STUDENTS ON THE MOVE PART II

By Eileen Pheiffer

Elena Slavin, on Cornell, worked with the Iklaina Archaeological Project in Pylos, Greece, this summer. She also worked in the Post Anaesthesia Unit at Barnes Hospital, and as an extra on the movie "Fossor's Mirror" filmed at MICDS, where she is a junior. Her brother Alec attended fencing camp this summer in Kansas with the Parkway Fencing Club, and will travel to Atlanta to compete in the North America Cup tournament. He is a seventh grader at Whitfield School.

Maggie Ellinger-Locke, on Cornell, is a senior at Antioch College in Ohio. As part of Antioch's famed co-op program, Maggie spent the summer working on organic farms in France and Holland. One of her educational benefits was learning to make Creme Brulee with fresh farm eggs. Maggie's brother, Martin Ellinger-Locke, is a sophomore at Cornell College in Iowa, where he wrestled last year. Martin has been working construction, primarily building barns in Colorado, this summer.

I love to hear of the journeys and experiences of our neighborhood students. Here is an update on several. If your student has some adventures/school information to share, please email me and I will do a follow up column in the next FenceTalk. My email address is epheiffer@sbcglobal.net.





**University Heights Association, Inc.
A National Historic District
University City, Missouri 63130**

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Membership Dues For the period April, 2004 to March, 2005 **\$20.00**

Additional contribution to help support neighborhood activities _____

Contributions to save the vacant lot _____

Total submitted _____

Please make your check payable to:

University Heights Association, Inc. (a non-profit corporation)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Other members of Household: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Information above will be used to update our University Heights Directory. If you wish to be listed ONLY as "Resident", please check here _____ .

Do you wish to receive Fence Talk and other Association news via the Internet? We will not publish or sell this list. You may remove your name at any time.

e-mail address _____

Mail or drop-off to: **Judy Baernstein, Treasurer**
793 Yale Avenue
University City, MO 63130



CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale

Water Purifiers. Call Michael Williams 726-5644.

Bicycle carrier for minivan. Very stable, rides securely. \$25. 863-3296.

Wanted

Garage space to rent for motorcycle. Margaret Lawler 863-1499

Bricks. 20-50. Have any? Kimberly 721-2907

A new job, maybe even a new career. Do you need an operationally strong project manager for your business? Call Dan @ 721-2907

For FREE!

Used golf bag and 12 + assorted clubs. 863-6296.

Tutoring

Former Ladue teacher available for tutoring evenings and weekends. Kerri Rendelman, 721-7293

Former private school teacher now writing/English tutor available anytime. Joy Gebhardt Beuc 721-2006

Support your neighbors!
Use these classifieds! Do you have something you want listed?

University Heights Contacts:

Trustees (for streets, lampposts, etc)

Ron Scott	6942 Amherst	725-0893
Paul Schoomer	#7 Princeton	862-8426
Joyce Daughaday	727 Yale	863-3966

Fence Talk

[insert your name here] Are you interested in publishing an award winning neighborhood newsletter? Contact Dan Martin if you are interested 721-2907

New Neighbor Welcome Packets

David Smith	765 Yale	725-4974
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Chiropractic Health Care

John Thomas 721-8829

Design you own Purse

by BagDaddy. Lots of fabrics and styles to choose from! Great Gifts! Call Kerri Rendleman at 721-7293 for info.

Web Design / Development

Anodesyne web design / development and graphic design firm provides web business strategy, development, design and marketing services to business clients. Matthew Tillstrom 265-6620, matthew@anodesyne.com

House Cleaning

"Best Maid Service" Houses & Business. Free Estimates. Maria Beckmann: 832-4578

Estate Sales

Ruth Cobb 863-2144

Painter

Patrick Beckmann 862-0383

Mattresses for sale

Yes, we actually make mattresses for a living. Full line-from budget grade to fabulous pillowtops & beyond. Friends & family discounts for all neighbors. Jeff Massey 353-0800. www.elitemattress.com

Original Art For Sale

Wooden bead necklaces, candleholders etc. All hand painted. True finds for everyone. Rebecca Pace, 721-1350

Custom Painting and Restoration

European Trained, Interior & Exterior. Lives in the Heights Roger Douek 862-6871

Home Decorating

Does your house need a makeover? At *A Second Look* we redecorate using your existing furnishings, making your home more organized, more comfortable and more beautiful. You'll feel like you moved! Mary Edgerton today at 277-1173.

Lawn Mowing

Drew Bloom-Ellis	727-1362
Bradley Land	725-0785
Austin Pfeiffer	725-7067
Justin Vail	727-9149
Arthur Yentumi	726-5348
Zach Dean	725-4274

Mother's Helpers

Becky Ferber	727-2634
Wesley Johnson	726-5452
Martha Yentumi	726-5348
Jessie Massey	726-1250
Jenna Massey	726-1250

Pet Sitters

Chundra Cathcart	862-2644
Cayla Damick	863-7106
Leah Edgerton	725-3300
Becky Ferber	727-2634
Bradley Land	725-0785
Jessie Massey	726-1250
Jenna Massey	726-1250
Austin Pfeiffer	725-7067
Anna Pfeiffer	725-7067
Alex Phillips	725-4567
Alec Slavin	727-0339
Martha Yentumi	726-5348
Arthure Yentumi	726-5348

Babysitters

Chundra Cathcart	862-2644
Anne Johnston	726-5997
Leah Edgerton	725-3300
Austin Pfeiffer	725-7067
Rachel Schwartz	725-1677
Anna Pfeiffer	725-7067

2004-2005 University Heights Association Board of Directors

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