



# FENCE TALK

## Volunteers Needed

Neighborhood volunteers are needed to help the Board Members to organize and carry out the long standing annual neighborhood picnic, this year to be held on September 9th, and the more recently established Progressive Dinner which is scheduled each year in conjunction with the luminaria display in December.

The annual picnic involves planning the parade and children's activities as well as general set-up of grills, tables, food and drink, and of course, clean-up. The progressive dinner involves organizing homes to host dinner (which is pot-luck) and dessert. Board member Tracy Boaz (Yale) has volunteered to chair this increasingly popular neighborhood activity, but would really enjoy working with a few others. If interested in helping with either event, please call Patti LaVesser, 726-5997.

### Picnic Button Design Contest -- Calling All Artists

Any neighborhood child or adult with -- or without -- an artistic flair is invited to submit a design for the annual neighborhood picnic button! The winning design will be reproduced and made into a multitude of buttons for everyone in the neighborhood—to be distributed at the annual picnic in September. The actual size of the button is 2.25 inches in diameter, but any size offering will be considered! Designs should be submitted to Eileen Pheiffer, 720 Radcliffe, by August 15. The winner will be notified and a possible prize is in the works.

### Help Write the History of the Heights!

Following the very informative talk at the UHA annual meeting in April by Elsey Hamilton, a committee of neighbors is being formed to work on writing the history of the neighborhood. Anyone interested should contact Roger Davenport, 863-5961, or Nan Rochberg, 862-8244 for more information.

### Choose Trees for the Heights

Could you help the trustees select locations and species for new trees to be planted this year? You could influence the shape of the neighborhood for the next 100 years! Sweet gum lovers need not apply. E-mail or call Judy Baernstein right away, 725-8530 [baernstein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:baernstein@sbcglobal.net).

## U.City E-news

Do you want to know more about what's happening over at City Hall? The city publishes a weekly update. Be notified by email by signing up at: **University City** – visit <http://www.ucitymo.org/list.asp>

**Of course, don't forget:**

**UHA email list:** contact [web@universityheightsonline.org](mailto:web@universityheightsonline.org)

**UHA Web site** - <http://www.fencetalk.org> (updated frequently between Fence Talks)

## SUMMER KICKBALL!

Thursdays in the Summer, 6PM! Vacant Lot.

## 2007 – 2008 UHA BOARD

Ed Renner	President	739 Radcliffe
Chris Gordon	Vice-President	703 Harvard
Nan Rochberg	Secretary	6936 Cornell
Eileen Pheiffer	Treasurer	720 Radcliffe
Liberty Bishop	Member	6969 Dartmouth
Tracy Boaz	Member	780 Yale
Tim Cross	Member	726 Harvard
Roger Davenport	Member	784 Yale
Betsy Grant	Member	730 Harvard
David Heinze	Member	6940 Columbia
Patti LaVesser	Member	6928 Amherst
Margaret Rosielle	Member	17 Princeton
Jim Ross	Member	21 Princeton
Kit Sundararaman	Member	722 Harvard
Matthew Tillstrom	Member	729 Harvard

## UHA MEETINGS, EVENTS

August 14	739 Radcliffe
<b>September 9</b>	<b>Neighborhood Picnic</b>
September 11	703 Harvard
<b>October Thursdays</b>	<b>Oktoberfest ("Central Park" Lot)</b>
October 9	784 Yale
November 13	21 Princeton
<b>December</b>	<b>Progressive Dinner</b>
December	- No Meeting -
January 8, 2008	6936 Cornell
February 12, 2008	720 Radcliffe
March 11, 2008	17 Princeton
April, 2008	Annual Meeting

# STUDENTS ON THE MOVE

FAMILIES, TOO!

It is time for our annual highlights of what the neighborhood students are up to. This time around we will feature not only students but an entire family that is on the move. Please send me an update on your family/student activities to have them featured in this column. If you'd like to type something up, just drop it in my front door, at 720 Radcliffe, but I'd prefer to correspond by email at [epheiffer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:epheiffer@sbcglobal.net).

**Rob Henke** and **Suzanne Loui**, from **Radcliffe**, moved to Rome, Italy last August with their three children, Nick, age 12, and ten year old twins Gwyne and Marina. Rob is there on a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, combined with a Sabbatical from Washington University. He's working on research for a book on Depictions of Poverty and Vagrancy in Italian Renaissance Drama. Suzanne has been busy with language study, helping the children with their homework, hosting family and friends in the spring and volunteering in the children's school library.

**Nick, Gwyne and Marina** started off the first semester in a public school. The family does not have a car so they would take the bus to school. They have transferred to an American British school the second semester and now have friends from many different countries. The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization is headquartered in Rome and many of the delegates send their children to this school. Nick's class of 22 kids has 15 different countries represented.

The family lives in the center of Rome where it is crowded and a bit noisy at night, but where they have access to some great public parks and get to live as Romans for a year. They are all improving in their Italian.... Nick is now conversational and the girls a bit less. Rob has given 2 hour lectures in Italian and Suzanne is able to do her daily errands in Italian. When they get home this summer, be sure to welcome them back with an enthusiast "Ciao"!

On **Cornell**, **Cayla Damick** is heading off to Paris to study for seven weeks this summer with NYU Paris. She will be living in the Latin Quarter and studying Intensive French and Modern Art. She will return this fall to Washington University for her senior year as an art history major. **Alison Damick** graduated from Middlebury a year ago and has been in Cairo, Egypt as an Intern at the American University there in the Art Department. She will be going to graduate school in London, England at the University College – London, studying Archeological Heritage Preservation. It is a two year program with one year in the classroom and the second doing field work. The year in the field will be in the Middle East in an area where the Phoenicians once lived.

The **Pheiffers** on **Radcliffe** will have all four of their young adults in college/graduate school this year. Youngest **Anna** graduated from University City High School. She will be attending Loyola University in Chicago in the fall. She is undecided but leaning towards double majors in languages (Spanish and Italian) and International Business. **Austin** completed his second year in Communication Design at Parsons School of Design in Greenwich Village and has an internship in Manhattan in the Art Department of Maxim magazine for the summer.

**Evan Pheiffer** will be an exchange student at The Institute for Political Studies in Paris, France until July 2008. He is a History major/Philosophy minor at the University of Missouri – Columbia. Before school begins in late September, Evan will be traveling in Europe for several weeks.

Older sister **Brittany** graduated a year ago from Dartmouth College and has been managing a retail store in Westport, CT. She leaves in late June for Spain to walk the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage walk that traces the path of St. James across northern Spain. Her brother Evan will join her for two weeks on the 700 kilometer walk. When she returns to Connecticut in the fall it will be to attend Yale Divinity School to study theology in literature.

On **Radcliffe**, **Elizabeth Remus** has completed her second year of Medical School at the University of Missouri – Columbia. She begins her clerkships this summer at the university hospital there. Sister **Lillian** is heading out to Washington State to pursue a degree in nursing. Lillian and her cousin **Katie Scrivner**, on **Columbia**, are both river raft guides on the Ocoee River in Tennessee for the summer. Katie has completed her first year at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington.

I'd love to do a follow up column for the many students on the move who have not yet been featured here. Please do send your updates in to me....we want to feature all the students of the neighborhood.

# FROM OUR TRUSTEES

## Morty Hyman Elected Trustee

Morty Hyman has been elected unanimously by those who voted to be your new Trustee. Thank you to those who voted and congratulations Morty!!

## Lock Your Cars!

Several more cars were stolen in the Heights in the months since the last edition of Fence Talk. Please lock your cars, call 911 if you see anything happening, and make a police report if this happens to you, even if you do not lose something.

Also, if you regularly walk the neighborhood, bring your cell phone and report anything that seems suspicious.

## Annual Meeting Report

University Heights Subdivision No. 1 held its 2007 annual meeting after the conclusion of the University Heights Association, Inc. annual meeting on April 10. Joyce Daughaday presented a report on the Trustees' accomplishments for the year. She also announced the resignation of Paul Schoomer as trustee. Judy Baernstein presented the financial report for the past six years and a plan for major repairs to our sidewalks, streets, drainage, and some other items. This will require a self-taxing "Neighborhood Improvement District" to fund such infrastructure maintenance. Petitions will be circulated this summer to seek approval for these projects, which should start in the spring of 2008.

A few days after the meeting, every residential family and all other property owners were delivered a packet containing a copy of the new Trust document, as approved in 2005. Copies of the 2007 Annual Report from the Trustees were also included, as was a ballot nominating Morton Hyman as a Trustee. Please hold on to these reports for a while, since you might want to know what is going on when you are asked to approve this new expenditure. All these items will be put on the subdivision website, [www.fencetalk.org](http://www.fencetalk.org).

## Power Surges Down Trinity and Illuminates Streetlights

The year ahead looks challenging and exciting, as we try to get some major repairs completed. We hope to bring our subdivision up to its original charge, that of maintaining a "high grade residence property".

The Trinity ornamental lights are aglow with electricity, after being without power for probably 18 months. AmerenUE finally appeared and fixed them. We do not know why this took so long to start, but are grateful that somehow it got to the top of the pile.

AmerenUE finally turned off the power to the Yale/Princeton/Cornell pole, (after forgetting how to do this for 10 months and multiple visits by AmerenUE workmen). We repaired it and reinstalled it. We are currently awaiting the electrician and then AmerenUE to turn the power on. Let's hope that doesn't take 10 more months. As trustees, we are frustrated, appalled, angered, amused, at wit's end, and really pleased that all but one of these lights are on today. We wish someone in the neighborhood would find a way to get these ancient beauties off the grid so we would never have to interact with AmerenUE again. Any suggestions?

For the full, frustrating account of these power travails, see the unabridged article at [fencetalk.org](http://fencetalk.org).



# CLASSIFIEDS

**CLASSIFIED AD PLACEMENT:** To place a free ad, please contact Fence Talk.

**NOTE:** Fence Talk provides Classified as a helpful service free to neighbors. FT is not responsible for transactions that occur as a result, and makes no claim as to the accuracy or reliability of the advertisers within. It is the responsibility of neighbors to perform due diligence in these matters.

## FOR SALE

Med. size well-used dining table w/built-in extensions; Nice lamps and mirrors; New wood venetian blinds; 2 modern carved arm chairs, etc.

Call 727-1175 or email [claire.j.hyman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:claire.j.hyman@sbcglobal.net)

## MASSAGE THERAPIST

Amy Ziegler- 727-1903

## TENNIS, ANYONE?

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

## GARDENING HELP WANTED

Weeding, mulching, trimming, vacuuming. \$12/hr. 863-6296 (home) or 962-0008 (office).

## EXPERT EUROPEAN-TRAINED HOUSE PAINTING AND CUSTOM RESTORATION

Roger Douek, Architectural colorist. 341-5009.

## WEB SITES

Need a Web site? Or simply need advice to get started? Visit [iNKBLiNK.com](http://iNKBLiNK.com), or call Matthew Tillstrom @ 314.265.6620.

## New to U. Heights?

If you have recently moved into our neighborhood, be sure to contact Margaret Rosielle at 725-5936. She will drop by and give you a Welcome Packet.

## NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

### BABY SITTERS

Martha Yentumi	726-5348
Andrea Johnson	726-5452
Zach Dean	725-4274
Joey Ferber	727-2634
Becky Ferber	727-2634
Alison Damick	863-7106

Writes Alison: "I'm home through mid-September and looking for babysitting and/or tutoring work. I'm a college grad, have a car, with flexible hours. I can tutor general subjects, standardized test-prep, and French & Italian."

### 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  
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[JoyceDaughaday@remax.net](mailto:JoyceDaughaday@remax.net)

Judy Baernstein  
725-8530  
[baernstein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:baernstein@sbcglobal.net)

Morton Hyman  
727-1175  
[mdhyman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdhyman@sbcglobal.net)

## Heights email announcements: Get 'em!

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.

## 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 at right)

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

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

**HEIGHTS WEB SITE:** [www.fencetalk.org](http://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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