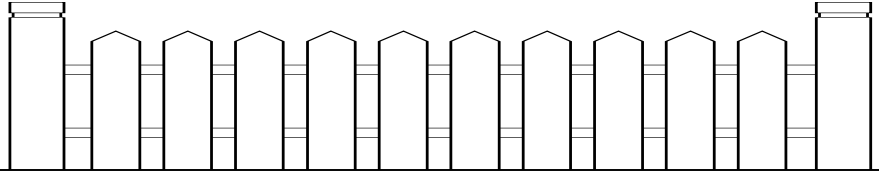


FENCE TALK

JUNE, 2001



Greetings neighbors!

I enjoyed the neighborhood garage sale on Saturday. I managed to dispose of some of the 'junk' I've had hanging around, met a few new neighbors, visited with some I already knew, picked up a couple of new 'treasures' and put a few dollars in my pocket!! Thanks Theresa for organizing the event.

Lots of neighbors are moving in and out, and I've heard a lot of positive things about property values in the neighborhood. We say goodby to the Kiely's--Pat was a board member for the last couple of years, holding the usually thankless office of treasurer. Thanks, Pat and best wishes to you and Chris in your future ventures.

Joyce Daughaday is sharing some of her real estate expertise with us in the first of a series of 'Your Neighborhood Realtor' articles.

Linda Strassburger is heading up a group of board members whose goal is to come up with a strategic plan for our neighborhood. You have an opportunity to share your opinions on the priorities for the board and trustees in the next few years. Please participate by filling out the enclosed survey and getting it to Linda Strassburger.

An important part of this planning process will be providing for a means to pay for what we want to do. The trustees are struggling to keep up with our basic maintenance due to lack of funds. I hope one of the priorities that comes from the strategic planning is a better means of funding our subdivision's needs. We are all enjoying continually increasing property values. I hope we don't jeopardize them by neglecting to properly fund our subdivision maintenance!

I apologize for two phone number typos in last month's Fencetalk! Sorry to any of you that had a

difficult time reaching Theresa Biggs about the vacant lot sale or Judy Harmon about plant watering!!

There are a couple of thanks I'd like to pass on: Thanks to Angela Heinze for all her work as board president that past two years (she's still on the board, just not president). Thanks also to everyone that is responsible for hanging and maintaining our our lamppost and entrance planters: Judy Harmon, Nina deCharms, Audrey Mathews, Chet Dallas, Marcia LaCour-Little, Dan Diekneite, Jim and Cindy Cartwright, Angela Heinze, Heidi Touchette, Andrea Johnson, Bob Wilcox, Judy Baernstein and Becky Ballard. (I hope I've got everyone!)

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Please remember that the Trustees will no longer mow the tree lawns. This decision, which was supported by all in attendance at the annual meeting, was made because of the large number of complaints about the quality of the work that was being done, damages to plants and decorations not intended to be mowed, and because many people felt it was a waste of money. The Trustees request that residents mow their own tree lawn, but add that if this will cause you any undue problems, please contact Ron Scott at 725-0893, and he will make arrangements to get your tree lawn mowed.

If you have not yet signed the petition that has been circulating to amend the subdivision indenture, please contact John Jennings at 726-4690 to make arrangements to sign it. We are very close to having the required number of signatures.

The trustees are working to get the best deal on repairing the square potholes in the streets

adjacent to the ornamental lights. They are prioritizing what little money is available to pay for street maintenance, to get dead tree lawn trees removed and their deadlimbs trimmed. Funds are slim, so the trustees ask for your patience. *Note from the editor: You can pay your yearly assessment early... and if you have not paid your assessment, PLEASE DO SO!*

LAMPOST PLANTERS

Two locations are still available!!! We need waterers for the lamppost planters at Cornell & Trinity and at Amerherst & Radcliffe. The planters are ready to go—we just need a commitment from waterers. Contact Janet Schaper at 726-5352 if interested.

If you're interested in helping with watering the entrance planter, contact Judy Harmon at 863-6159 (I think I've got the phone # correct this time).

NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome to Mark, Amelia and Giacomo (2) Mendel who moved into 6959 Amherst in January. Mark is a partner at Rivervest, a new venture capital firm in St. Louis and Amelia is a physician with a PhD in Neuroscience and clinical specialization in Psychiatry doing research at Wash U Medical School. More recent arrivals include Michael and Karen Wetmore at 701 Yale, Seth Force and Sara Marder at 780 Radcliffe and Thomas Kish at 6975 Cornell. Congrats to Catherine Feuer and John Guest on the new neighbor at their house, James, born on May 9th.

(If you have new neighbor or event happenings to share with your neighbor, contact Janet Schaper at 726-5352 or janetschaper@planetstl.com)

SPRING CHECKLIST

*by Joyce Daughaday
Your neighborhood realtor*

Spring is rapidly turning into summer in St. Louis and we're all outside-when it's not too hot or too rainy! It's an excellent time to take stock of our mostly older, charming U City homes and either spruce up their appearance or do some preventive maintenance. A few suggestions:

FENCES AND DECKS: Are fence posts or boards loose or rotted? Do they need some scraping, painting or staining? The same questions apply to deck boards and railings.

TRIM AND SIDING: Check for cracked or peeling paint, caulking around windows; while you're at it,

plan to replace cracked panes of glass. If you (or your next door neighbor) have active, ball playing children, replace your broken basement windows with plexiglass!

BRICK: Check for loose bricks or crumbling mortar; periodic spot-tuckpointing can avoid major repairs to your house or chimneys later.

GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS: Secure firmly and drain away from the house. Do they need some paint? Peeling paint near the joints or seams may indicate a leak. With all our mature trees, make sure your gutters and downspouts are not clogged.

DRAINAGE: Improper drainage can be a major cause of water or dampness in your basement. Make sure the ground slopes away from the house and that your mulch is not piled up against the foundation.

ROOFING: Slate and tile roofs should be checked annually for missing or cracked slates or tiles. Similarly, secure loose asphalt shingles and replace damaged ones.

TREES: After our cold winter and spring storms, check for cracked or sagging tree limbs. Trim back limbs which overhang or come too close to your house, garage or utilities.

Finally, if you discover your home needs repairs and you do not have the time or the skill to do them yourself, call a professional. If you do not know of a suitable contractor, call me at 863-3966. I can give you names from my own extensive list or from Coldwell Banker's.

BOARD REPORT

At the June meeting, the board made final plans for the neighborhood yard sale and vacant lot sale.

The Board also endorsed upcoming School Tax Levy which will be voted on in August.

The board discussed at length the need for a long range plan for the subdivision and made a list of topics for the survey that is included in this issue of Fencetalk. The board requests all interested parties to complete the survey and contribute any additional comments they may have. The surveys will be discussed at the July Board meeting.

The July board meeting will be held July 10th at 6974 Dartmouth.

PERICLES, PRINCE OF TYRE

Our talented neighbor, Marcia LaCour-Little will be a part of the cast of the St. Louis Shakespeare Company's production of Pericles, Prince of Tyre. Marcia will play the part of Cerimon, a lord of Ephesus and be a part of the ensemble. Dates:

July 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8pm

July 15, 22 at 2pm

One of Shakespeare's most popular plays in the early 17th century, there has been renewed interest in this tragicomic romance – full of spectacle and some of Shakespeare's loveliest and most haunting verse. After believing his daughter Marina to be dead, Pericles and Marina separately endure both hardships and adventures in foreign lands, before finally being reunited 14 years later. Don't miss the chance to see this rarely-produced gem.

Performances are at the Grandel Theater located one block north of the FOX Theatre and catty corner to Powell Symphony Hall. Obtain tickets by calling 314-361-5664 or online at www.stlshakespeare.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

July Board Meeting	July 10
September Board Meeting	September 11
Annual Picnic	September 16
Rain Date for Picnic	October 7
October Board Meeting	October 9
November Board Meeting	November 13
Luminaria	December 16
Rain Date – Luminaria	December 31
January Board Meeting	January 8
February Board Meeting	February 12
March Board Meeting	March 12
Annual Meeting	April TBD

BUTTON CONTEST

The contest for 'best button design for the 2001 picnic is coming up! Get your creative juices flowing. Entry forms will be included in next month's Fencetalk.

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The July Board meeting will be a strategic planning meeting with the Trustees to determine goals and priorities for the neighborhood. Input from all residents is encouraged.

All residents are welcome at all Board meetings.