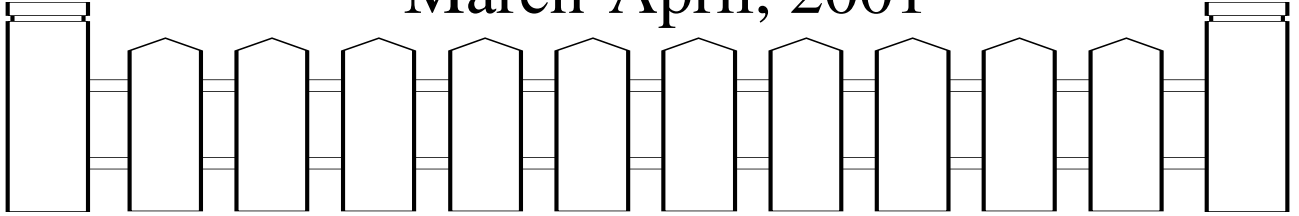


# Fence Talk

University Heights Association, Inc.

March-April, 2001



After a slight hiatus, FENCETALK is back, and so is spring! University Heights survived the winter. We stacked luminarias on snow piles, Dartmouth residents went without water on Christmas Eve. Thanks to the Trustees and their contractor, everyone was able to navigate the streets despite the snow and ice. Best of all is the long awaited return of our ornamental street lights in working order. Thank you trustees, especially Ron Scott for all the time and effort to make that happen.

This edition of FENCETALK brings you news of University Heights Board Activity (Including our annual residents meeting) and reports of upcoming community events, including an important election. One of our neighbors, Sara Wolfe is following up on her October FENCETALK article with a postcard survey included in this edition. She requests that you return the postcards to her if you are interested in participating in an expanded curbside recycling program.

I get requests from neighbors who would like me to pass along their opinions about neighborhood matters. Starting with mine, here they are: I'm upset that the tree trimmers sent by AmerenUE 'butchered' several of my trees under guise of clearing utility lines. (and, I guess there's not much I can do about it.) Some of our neighbors are upset that people rake leaves to the curb long before the scheduled pickup (it's hard on our sewers, can create a fire hazard, and just doesn't look too great). Others are upset that dog walkers don't always clean up their dog droppings, (it is the law), and still others are upset that they have neighbors who do not keep their yards cleaned of dog droppings and share the unpleasant odor with the neighborhood.

I'm always looking for input for Fencetalk. A full article would be particularly cherished, but any bits of neighborhood news are appreciated. This is also a good space to acknowledge neighbors moving in or out, births, deaths, graduations and so on. You can call me at 726-5352, drop off information at 6974 Dartmouth or e-mail me at [janetschaper@planetstl.com](mailto:janetschaper@planetstl.com). HAPPY SPRING! Janet Schaper, editor

## BOARD REPORT

The University Heights Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the University City Library. Doors open at 6:30 for light refreshments, the meeting begins promptly at 7:00pm and concludes by 9:00pm (when the library closes). We will discuss subdivision business and upcoming events, and our guest speaker will be Lehman Walker, the City's Planning Director.

Another important agenda item will be the election of new board members. Quick bios on some of the nominees are included in this issue. If you are interested in becoming a board member, you can contact Theresa Biggs at 727-8435 or Tammy Jennings at 726-4690.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

Not only have the trustees restored the ornamental street lights to working condition, but they have also reached a long awaited compromise with the city regarding the Trinity/City Hall area parking. Some public parking will be allowed along Trinity near the Harvard stop sign, but only 9 to 5 on weekdays, and some areas continue to be restricted. As soon as this ordinance is approved the University City Council, the University City Police will resume enforcing traffic violations in University Heights. (SPEEDERS BEWARE!)

Most of the signatures needed to amend our indenture have been obtained. The Trustees will be proceeding with the 'friendly lawsuit' needed to amend the document. Petitions will be available at the meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, and we can expect a report from the Trustees on the status of the amendment and other subdivision matters.



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### SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

The Spring Leaf Collection will be held the week of March 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the only spring leaf vacuuming the city will have, but at any time residents may place leaves and other yard debris in the brown collection bags for Monday (or Tuesday) pickup. The bags must have the \$1.00 stickers available from City Hall.

### ELECTION APRIL 3

Election Day is Tuesday, April 3, 2001. Among the issues on the ballot is Proposition 1, a tax increase sought by the Board of Education for employee salaries, supplies and operating expenses.

Because of its importance to the community and to our neighborhood, the University Heights Neighborhood Association Board, at the March Board meeting, voted a statement of support for Proposition 1. The Board hopes you will give this issue your careful consideration and support.

.Also on the ballot is proposition C, a county-wide use tax proposal. If passed, it is expected to raise at least \$1 million annually for University City. The tax would be imposed only on purchases over \$2,000 annually. The use tax is also called an "equity" or "fairness" tax because it requires competitors in other states to tax customers at the same rate as local stores. Because of the \$2,000 exemption, the countywide tax would be paid mostly by large businesses which often purchase supplies in other states. Opponents warn that businesses would pass the tax on to customers in the form of higher prices. The revenue from the tax goes into a pool, and then is distributed to the 92 county municipalities through a formula based on population and other factors.

Four candidates are contending for the two positions open on the University City School Board.

**Whatever your opinions are on these issues, please remember to vote on April 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

### PET VACCINATION CLINIC

The annual University City Pet Clinic will be held from 8:30 am to 11am on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Heman Park Community Center. A one year rabies vaccination will be given to all dogs and cats that are at least 3 months old, at a cost of \$8 for cats and \$10 for dogs. The cost includes the St. Louis County rabies registration and the mandatory University City dog license. For information call 863-3208, ext 380.

### PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

The University City in Bloom Perennial Plant Sale will be held from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, April 28 at the Heman Park Community Center.

### SPRING HOUSE TOUR

The Annual University City Spring House Tour will be held from noon to 5pm on Sunday, April 29. Two homes in University Heights will be featured on the tour: The Wolfe residence at #3 Princeton and the LaCour-Little Residence at #22 Princeton. Six other homes and one apartment will also be featured. Tickets may be purchased after April 15<sup>th</sup> at UCRS or at the University City Public Library (\$12 in advance, \$15 the day of the tour).

### FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS

Following are the nominations for openings on the University Heights Neighborhood Association Board:

**Victoria Thomas** lives at 6936 Columbia with her husband Scott and chocolate lab named Auggie. She moved to the neighborhood 3 years ago from England. Victoria is a doctoral student of English Literature at Wash U.

**Zareena Koch** lives at 6945 Dartmouth with her husband Randy, daughter Zahrah (3) and son Max (7mos.). She is a native of St. Louis and works for Parents as Teachers of Riverview. She has lived in the neighborhood for 2 years.

**Leslie Futral** moved to the neighborhood last November from Arizona. She lives at 780 Yale with Chris Munkel and their beagle named Charlie.

Be sure to attend the neighborhood meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> and vote your choice!

### UNIVERSITY CITY SCULPTURE SERIES

April 1<sup>st</sup> marks not only April Fool's Day and the first day of Daylight Savings Time, but also the opening of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual University City Sculpture Series. An opening reception will be held at 2:30pm on Sunday, April 1 at City Hall. Maps and descriptions of the projects will be available in the rotunda of City Hall and at the University City Library through May 7<sup>th</sup>.



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**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NAMED FIRST  
"BLOCK OF THE QUARTER"**

In a new program of the University City Residential Service, our own University Heights was honored as the first "Block of the Quarter". In particular, our annual holiday luminary event received the kudo. The event was nominated by UCRS because it encourages neighborhood involvement, is a special event and is open to the public. Congratulations to the Board and to all the Residents who participate in the luminary!

**WELCOME!**

**Christopher Munkel** and **Leslie Futral** and their dog, Charlie the Beagle, have moved in at 780 Yale (formerly the home of John and Tammy Jennings). Chris is a dentist who grew up in University City and was very familiar with our neighborhood even prior to purchasing his home here. Leslie moved here from Arizona, and is running for a position on University Heights Board.

Welcome also, to **Andrew Lewis Guest** born January 27<sup>th</sup> to Board member Liz Lewis and Jim Guest. He weighed in at 7lbs, 8 oz. Congratulations Liz and Jim!

**EXPANDED RECYCLING-  
ALMOST ON OUR DOORSTEP**

As Jeff, our friendly mailman would agree, it is amazing how much junk mail is delivered to our houses. Add to that the day to day papers from school, the office, etc. and we throw away a mountain of paper that can be recycled ... and at the same time raise money for the Delmar-Harvard School Library.

A bright green Donohue recycling bin has been installed at the school (near the drive circle across from the fire department). So now it is as easy as dropping the kids off at school or making a quick stop on your way to the University City Public Library. The library also has smaller blue recycle bins inside the library for the public's convenience.

What CAN be recycled? Just about any kind of clean dry paper EXCEPT phone books, chipboard (cereal boxes) and corrugated cardboard are acceptable.

- For Example:
- Newspaper
  - Magazines
  - Shopping catalogs
  - Mail
  - Office Paper
  - School papers
  - Self-stick notes
  - Computer paper
  - Posters and folders
  - Fax paper
  - Envelopes
  - Giftwrap

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**FREE HEALTH PROTECTION SERVICE IN  
UNIVERSITY CITY**

In cooperation with University City East, a community development organization, Dr. Robert Paine, a professor of clinical medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, has organized the Health Protection Service in University City. This is an independent organization of volunteer health professionals including 16 physicians from St. Luke's and St. John's Mercy Hospitals and Washington University and St. Louis University Medical Schools. The group offers FREE health tests including blood sugar, hemoglobin, urine and stool exams, height and weight and blood pressure, lung function and EKG. St. Louis County Lead Program provides lead examinations at the Health Protection Service. In addition, information is given on health topics including information about a flu protection. Questions are welcome with answers offered by a panel of health professionals.

The final date for 2001 is Saturday, March 31.

University City Library  
6701 Delmar  
9am to 11am

**ALL AGES ARE INVITED  
NO APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**

This is an opportunity for anyone, but especially uninsured or under insured families and individuals to talk with health professionals and receive FREE health testing. These tests would cost from \$200 to \$300 if done privately. Referrals for free follow-up appointments are available at area clinics if needed.

Senior citizens in U. City may call Ochs Center, 721-2722 to arrange free transportation. For further information, call University City East, 721-6133.

