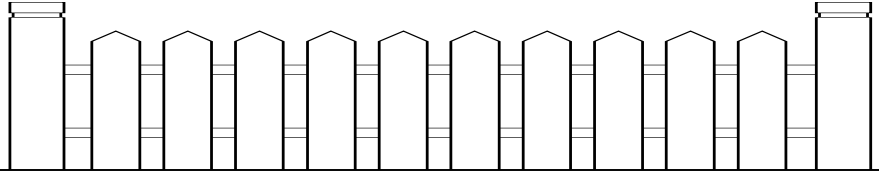


FENCE TALK

MAY, 2001



Greetings neighbors!

*Summer is almost here! There are lots of new things to report this month. We've elected new board members and officers; Theresa Biggs has a new idea to have the neighborhood yard sale at the vacant lot (see article on page 2); houses are selling (fast!), including the Bee's home on Cornell—they are moving back to Scotland—Malcolm has been an active (and vocal) board member for the past two years; even FenceTalk has several new contributors, **and** a new look (I purchased a new computer and am hoping I will now avoid those blasted 'fatal error' messages). Speaking of the vacant lot, I learned a bit of trivia about it this weekend. Paul Mittelstadt, the broker listing a house on Princeton, told me he lived in U Heights in the 70's, and happened to be at a tax sale when our 'vacant lot' came up for sale. He took the opportunity to purchase it for \$1400 (and then passed it to the subdivision for that price).*

I'd like to thank the Wolfs and the LaCour-Littles on Princeton for opening their homes for the U City House Tour in April. Those two homes were the 'best of show'. I'd also like to thank Sarah Wolf for all of the effort she put into trying to get curbside recycling for us. Unfortunately, she had only 41 postcard responses, and needed at least 150. She did say that "she would see all of her neighbors at the recycling center". I hope you are not putting recyclables in your trash!!! I'd also like to thank Suzanne Loui and Theresa Biggs for recruiting some of the articles that appear in this month's FenceTalk. If you'd like to contribute to next month's edition, get the info to me by the 10th of July! (726-5352) Have a great Memorial Day!
Janet Schaper, editor

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

At the annual meeting, the Trustees announced that they will no longer mow the tree lawns. This decision, which was supported by all in attendance, 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 making arrangements to have the holes, patches and bad drainage spots in the streets repaired.

LAMPOST PLANTERS

Once again, we are offering residents the opportunity to be an adoptive parent to a pair of beautiful plants. Parents must be willing to water regularly and find a sitter if they go out of town. Love of plants and civic pride will be a plus in the application process. Eleven pairs are available.

Contact Janet Schaper at 726-5352 if interested.

We also have some shorter term opportunities available... To help with planting at the University Heights marker, contact Judy Harmon at 725-0361.

And... an opportunity for a very caring neighbor: we need a waterer for the beds at the marker. Lots of hose lugging involved. Contact Judy at 725-0361

Clutter Everywhere? Hoarding Relatives? Lonely at Lawn Sales? We have a solution! Join forces with your neighbors to free yourself of your excess "collectibles"!! Announcing the first annual
VACANT LOT SALE!

The U Heights Board challenges all of you to clean out your basements, closets and garages and set up shop at our vacant lot at Radcliffe and Columbia. The board will advertise the sale in the newspapers and put up signs. Once again, the sale is the Saturday prior to BIG TRASH DAY, so you can drag the leftovers to the curb in front of your house. Here are the facts:

Price: \$10 buys a 10'x10' plot of land (\$50 for non-residents)

Time: 9am to ??, **Saturday, June 16**

Where: Corner of Radcliffe and Columbia

Why: Cuz it beats sitting alone on your lawn fighting with your family about selling stuff they haven't touched in 5 years! And...we'll use the money to benefit the neighborhood.

Contact: Theresa Biggs 726-8435 to reserve your spot. The plots will be numbered according to street accessibility and sold on a first bought, first assigned bases.

Misc: Everyone keeps track of their own money. Bring your own change, tags and chairs.

You will also need to clean up your space at the end of the day.

How about an award for "Best of Show"?

We will advertise this as a neighborhood yard sale, so if you have too much stuff, or are just not feeling very sociable, you can still sell from your own yard. The ad will say the sale starts at 9am, but be prepared for early birds!!

Anyone interested in selling refreshments?

MEMORIAL DAY RUN

The 25th Annual University City Memorial Day Run will be held Monday, May 28th to benefit the Green Center, the University City Children's Center and the University City Public Library, and features races for children, weekend athletes and 'real competitors'. The runs start in front of the library--the 10K at 7:30am, the 5K at 9am and the Fun Runs begin at 10 and 10:15am.

Entry forms are available at the library or can be downloaded from www.ucpl.lib.mo.us. Entry fees are \$15 for adults, \$8 for those under 19 and \$35 for the entire family. Late registration (Saturday and later) fees are slightly higher. T shirts are given to the first 2,000 entrants. Registration prior to May 28th is strongly recommended. For more information, or to volunteer to help call Linda Ballard at 726-3150.

MAY 28TH'S FUN RUN ROUTE IS THRU UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS!! OUR STREETS WILL BE CLOSED FOR APPROXIMATELY 1/2 HOUR BETWEEN 10 AND 10:30 am.

HELP KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE THIS SUMMER

By Zareena Koch

As of 1999, over one million children required medial care because of accidents and over 50,000 suffered permanent brain damage or death. Let's keep our kids safe and injury-free this summer--the most common time for accidents. As a parent or caregiver, please:

-Insist on car seats. Kids under 20 lbs and 1 year of age need to be in a rear-facing seat. If he's 20 lbs but not yet 1 year, buy a bigger rear-facing seat. DON'T just turn him around. Kids 20-40 lbs need to be in a forward facing car seat with a five point harness restraint. Kids 40-60 lbs need to be in a belt positioning booster seat. Call #268-4108 for a car seat safety check - they will tell you if your car seat is in properly. And remember, kids under 12 yrs of age and under 5 ft need to be in the back seat....airbags can do more harm than good if they're under that height requirement.

-Helmet your little wild child. Modern medicine can do many things, but successful brain transplants haven't happened just yet. When he/she is riding a bike, scooter or roller blades, make it a requirement.

-Keep an eye on your kid when he's playing outside. Have him check in every 30 minutes for kids over 10 yrs, more frequently if they are younger. Kids are really bad with remembering boundaries, but panic very fast in the face of danger.

-Keep your dogs in the house, backyard, or on a leash. Teach your kids to never approach an unfamiliar animal. Kids are eye to eye height wise with most animals, especially dogs.

-No gun is a safe gun. It might be my kid at your house, or your kid at my house - do us both a favor. Keep a lock on the gun and store the bullets elsewhere.

-Finally, SLOW DOWN!!! The speed limit is 20 mph in this neighborhood and there are stop signs at most corners. Every kid in the neighborhood is out in the street this time of year, especially with our uneven sidewalks. Watch Out!

With a little common sense, we will all watch out for each other's kids this summer and be injury-free. Have a good summer, and see you at the garage sale!

NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome to Julie Huss, her son Evan (4) and their black lab Wiilma, who moved into 6975 Delmar in November. Welcome also to Jennifer Perez at 775 Harvard, Candace Poe at 6943 Columbia and Caroline Huth and David Wigrey at 6951 Amherst.

BIG TRASH DAY

Our next Bulky Item Pickup is Thursday, June 21. We have coordinated our neighborhood yard sale with this date, so leftovers from the sale can be easily disposed... The rules:

No more than 3 large or 7 small bulky items can be placed w/in 1 to 3 feet of the curb or street pavement. Put out items after 4pm the day before, but prior to 6:30am the day of. (Don't be surprised if your 'trash' disappears before the trash trucks arrive). Only household items, including appliances and furniture will be collected. NO-NOs: construction waste, tree stumps or logs, tires, batteries, chemicals, chain fencing or poles, commercial items.

IMPORTANT DATES

June Board Meeting	June 12
Garage Sale	June 16
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

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The June Board meeting will be held June 12 at the Biggs Residence, 6955 Amherst.

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.