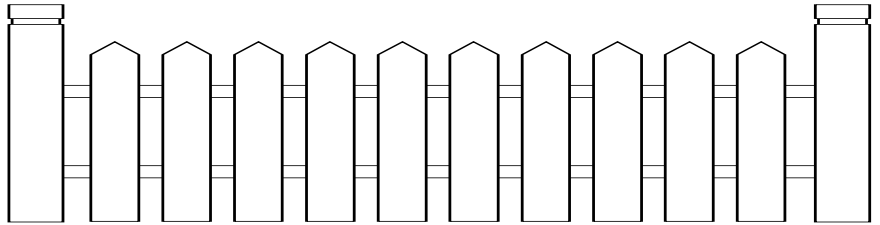


FENCE TALK

MAY, 2002



Greetings Neighbors!

What an exciting month this is for our yards! I am still always surprised and excited to see my trees and perennials bloom and green in the spring.

There are a few plant related activities in the neighborhood. The perennial plant swap promises to be a fun and productive activity. And the garden club ladies are getting the planters ready for the lamp posts (and I am now looking for volunteer waterers).

Our association has several new board members, and new officers will be elected at the May board meeting.

This is also the time of year when neighbors ask me to remind their neighbors about some subdivision courtesy:

-Please, please clean up after your dogs when you walk them in the neighborhood (this is courtesy and the law).

-Please put small items, pieces of paper, styrofoam packing "peanuts" and the like into securely closed bags before putting them into the large trash cans for pickup. Otherwise, they are more likely to wind up on the street and lawns than in the trash truck, especially if it's windy.

-Please don't just stuff your cardboard boxes into your trash can, but rather take the extra time to break them down and leave them at the curb with your other recycling. (this is my 'pet' peeve)

-Children are playing in the neighborhood—PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY!

I'd love to hear from you with articles for FENCETALK(726-5352or janetschaper@planetstl.com)

JANET SCHAPER, editor

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

The date for the Neighborhood Yard Sale is June 15th. This date is, conveniently, the Saturday prior to the June Bulky Item Pickup day. The leftovers need only be dragged to the curb for disposal. The new association board will decide on details, including if they want to 'rent out' spaces at their empty lot. Look for those details in the June FENCETALK.

LAMPOST PLANTERS

The University Heights Garden club is preparing to place the flowering plants on the decorative lampposts throughout the subdivision. If you would be interested in "adopting" one of the lampposts, please contact Janet Schaper at 726-5352. Lamppost "parents" will be responsible for watering the plants as needed (sometimes daily during very hot times). Volunteers have very good neighborhood karma!

TREELAWN MAINTENANCE

The U Heights Trustees request that each household maintain the grass or plants in the treelawn in front of their home. They have made this request because it is a cost-savings measure for the subdivision and because many residents have special plants in the treelawns, and prefer to tend to them themselves. If you are not able to maintain your tree lawn, please feel free to contact Ron Scott at 725-0893.

SPRING PLANT SWAP & POTLUCK
SUNDAY, MAY 19th 11am to 4pm

The Spring Plant Swap & Pot Luck is almost here! When I first moved to University Heights, a neighbor approached me as I worked in my yard and invited me to the "Un-Club" Gardening Party: no officers, no dues or minutes or rules-- just a chance for gardeners, plant enthusiasts and "other neighbors" to get together periodically and informally to chat and visit... and eat! Oh yes--and swap plants.

It's informal, it's casual. It's a wonderful relaxing time to enjoy the out-of-doors and our great neighbors! You need no special invitation or knowledge of plants! Please plan to join us Sunday, May 19, and maybe you'll become a regular "un-member" , too!

Take a look around your yard: what do you have that needs to be thinned or divided? What plants would you like to share, and what new additions would you like to introduce to your yard? Write this all down on the accompanying "Plant Swap" info and reminder card, send the lower portion to me, and show up with your plant and potluck contributions! (Note: there's no age, gender, or garden size or plant-experience discrimination in this group!)

Marcia LaCour-Little #22 Princeton

TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY CITY MEMORIAL DAY RUN

Monday, May 27th is the date. **Some streets in U Heights are included in the race route, and will be closed for a few hours the morning of the race.**

The Memorial Day Run benefits the University City Children's Center, The Green Center and the University City Public Library. Events begin in front of University City Public Library at 7:30am, with the start of the 10k Run. The 5k Run (open to wheelchair athletes) begins at 9am. The Fun Run begins at 10am (children 10 & up) and 10:15 am (children under 9).

Entry forms can be picked up at the Library, 6701 Delmar Blvd, or downloaded at www.ucpl.lib.mo.us. Register online at www.fleetfeetsports.com. Contact Linda Ballard at 314-727-3150 for more information.

PUBLICATION OF BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS #1

The Historical Society of University City made a presentation at the Annual Meeting in April about events planned for University City's 100th Anniversary. One of the suggested projects was the publication of a book on the History of University Heights #1. The Historical Society would like to work with volunteers from U Heights to complete inventory forms on all of the houses in University Heights #1 and publish them in book form. This project was actually started 20+ years ago, and the existing inventory information is included with the U Heights archive information at the U City Library. The Historical Society has found many new sources of information in the last 20 years that would enable the information to be completed and corrected.

Several residents volunteered to assist in this project at the annual meeting, but we are still looking for more volunteers. The Historical Society would provide training and guide us to sources of information available. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please contact Janet Schaper at 726-5352 or at janetschaper@planetstl.com.

U HEIGHTS HOUSE TOUR

It appears the U Heights House Tour will not become a reality this season. Many neighbors think it is a good idea, but it is also a lot of work. The new association board may possibly add it as an agenda item for next year.

TEXTILE RECYCLING

University City residents can now recycle textile items (clothing, shoes or linens) at the University City Recycling Center located at 975 Pennsylvania (behind the Community Center's north rear parking lot).

ASSOCIATION DUES DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you have not yet paid your 2002 association dues (\$10 per household), please do so! Association Dues fund the 'social' activities in the neighborhood (luminaria, picnic, neighborhood garage sale) and the publication of FENCETALK. Send your dues to Theresa Biggs, 6955 Amherst. Please be sure to indicate how you would like your entry in the Subdivision Directory to read.

HISTORIC REHAB CREDITS AVAILABLE

The State of Missouri offers State Tax Credits on Rehabilitation to Historic Buildings. Included in this are primary residences in National Historic Districts (i.e. University Heights #10).

There are many, many rules and restrictions, but the 'in a nutshell' synopsis is:

- The \$\$ spent must equal at least 50% of the original purchase price of the home
- The \$\$ must be spent on rehabilitation, not on additions or updates
- The rehabilitation project must follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Additional information is available from:

Kris Zapalac, Ph.D.

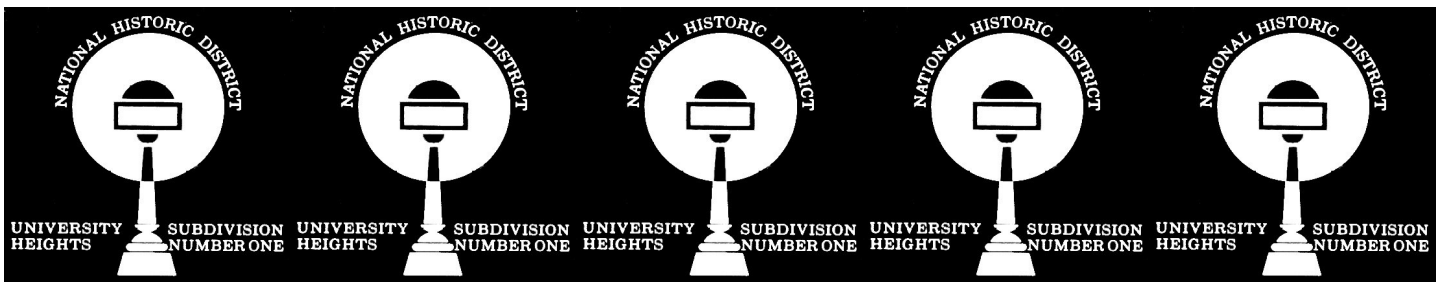
State Historic Preservation Office

Mo Department of Natural Resources

St. Louis Urban Outreach Office

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 14

Sunday, May 19

Monday, May 27

Tuesday, June 11

Saturday, June 15

Thursday, June 20

May U Heights Assn Board Mtg at Cross Residence 726 Harvard

University Heights Garden Club Plant Swap & Pot Luck 11am #22 Princeton

St. Louis Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony, Blueberry Hill

Library Memorial Day Run (some streets in University Heights closed for a portion of the day)

June University Heights Association Board Meeting

University Heights Neighborhood Yard Sale

Big Trash Day, University Heights