



## Luminaria & Progressive Dinner: 14 December

The annual neighborhood Luminaria display will be Sunday, December 14, 2008, at dusk. Sales of the Luminaria lights will be on Saturday, December 13, 2008, from 10 am until 4 pm and Sunday December 14, 2008, from 10 am until 2 pm. The sales booth will be in Central Park (the vacant lot at Radcliffe and Columbia). Stop by to chat and purchase your Luminaria lights (candles, bags and sand). The proceeds go to the University Heights Neighborhood Association. In the evening stroll the neighborhood to see the combined effect of hundreds of candle lanterns.

In conjunction with Luminaria 2008, we are excited to once again coordinate the University Heights Progressive Dinner Party on Sunday, Dec. 14.

**EVERYONE is invited** and you do not have to host to attend!

Here's how it works:

5:30 - 6:30: Hors d'oeuvres (four hosts needed)

6:45 - 7:45: Soup/salad (four to six hosts needed)

8:00 - 9:00: Adults end up at one BIG house for dessert (sleepy time for children)

You will go to three different homes in the neighborhood and bring a dish and beverage to one of your host's homes. At each home you will meet different neighbors. The walks between homes become magical with the Luminaria lights dancing at your feet.

This is one of the highlights of our social gatherings for the year. We encourage you to invite any new neighbors to join you. Your reservations are needed as early as possible and we are not able to take any after December 7. You will receive all your assignments in a confirmation letter or e-mail that arrives a few days before the event.

**We need hosts for all courses.** Please call Eileen Pheiffer at 725-7067 or Margaret Rosielle at 725-5936 or e-mail them at [epheiffer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:epheiffer@sbcglobal.net) or [rosielle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosielle@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer your home or to RSVP. We are looking forward to another great neighborhood event!

### Heights Indenture: Available Online

A quick reminder: Visit [www.fencetalk.org](http://www.fencetalk.org) to reference this neighborhood's indenture document. Didn't know that, did you? Click on the Trustees link on the left and scroll to the bottom of the page.

### Recommend a Contractor

We may post a list of contractors with whom our residents have had a positive experience. This list will be gathered and maintained by one of our residents, and not endorsed by the UHA, just made accessible by Fence Talk Online. Contact Amy Ziegler 772.2634 with good contractors.

## Halloween in The Heights

Get ready for the invasion of the ghosts and goblins! Halloween is Friday, October 31 - have your porch lights on from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. if you wish to receive spooky visitors.

**Be sure to decorate!!!** As always, The Great Pumpkin will drop by to judge our decorations and present an award to one house on each street. Judging is done at 6:00 p.m. so be prepared!

We will also have the Explorer Scouts patrolling our streets to ensure the safety of all our masked friends.

### HEIGHTS CALENDAR

<b>October 24</b>	Octoberfest, 6-8 PM, vacant lot, BYOB and BYO grillables. Grill supplied.
<b>October 31</b>	Halloween, Great Pumpkin Awards
<b>Oct 27-31</b>	Leaf Collection
<b>Nov 17-21</b>	Leaf Collection
<b>December 6</b>	11am-6pm Loop Holiday Walk
<b>Dec 13-14</b>	Luminaria Sales
<b>December 14</b>	Luminaria, Progressive Dinner

**Note about leaf collection:** Please wait until 10/27 and 11/17 to pile leaves on the street.

## Street Walkers vs. Moving Cars

NARROW STREETS AND DARK CLOTHING - NOT A GOOD MIX  
**Walking in the street is not advisable.** Drivers can't see you, and a car - even moving at the speed limit - is dangerous! Homeowners, please keep your sidewalks clean and free of gumballs so residents can walk more safely on the sidewalks. Flashlights are good for a variety of safety reasons. We preach ... because we care. - *Matthew Tillstrom*

## Neighborhood Watch

We have all heard about crime in our city and in our neighborhood. One thing we can do is to be alert and watch for suspicious activity. To help us learn to be watchful we are organizing a neighborhood watch program.

Captain Carol Jackson of the U. City Police Dept. will meet with us on Monday, November 10, from 6 to 8 at the LaVesser/Johnston home, 6928 Amherst. All are welcome and encouraged to come. We would like to have every street represented. Questions or comments? Call Betsy, 726-5452, evenings or [betsy@wubios.wustl.edu](mailto:betsy@wubios.wustl.edu).

## UHA CAR SHOW!

*BEST IN SHOW, BUT IN CAR FORM*

*From Richard Muehlmann*

The Car Show at the vacant lot on October 11 was very well attended. There were 6 Packards (3 1940s, a '48 Convertible, a '53 convertible, and 1950 sedan). One of the residents brought his 1940 Nash. Cadillacs and LaSalle were in abundance! The oldest car was a 1931 LaSalle Rumble Seat Coupe.



Ruth and Bill Boothby, residents of Cornell since 1962, take a ride in Richard Muehlmann's antique car at the recent old car show.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

HELP UPDATE THE MOST HANDY BOOK IN THE HEIGHTS

**We're updating the neighborhood directory.** Your University Heights Association maintains two versions of the neighborhood directory: an online version (password-protected) at <http://www.fencetalk.org/directory.php>, and a bound paper version, last published a few years ago. We're due for an updated version of the paper directory. In anticipation of this, we want to make sure we have the most up to date information available for the neighborhood directory.

**In the coming months,** the neighborhood association will be going door-to-door to update the paper version of the neighborhood directory. What information goes into the directory? Your names, names of children, address, phone number (unless you don't want it to be listed).

**How do you update the online directory?** Email your new phone number, email address, etc. to [fencetalk@universityheightsonline.org](mailto:fencetalk@universityheightsonline.org)

**Thanks for your help!**

## Fall 2008 Household Chemical Collection

FREE TO RESIDENTS OF SAINT LOUIS COUNTY!

Not all leftovers can be shared or recycled. As a safe alternative to throwing away your leftover chemicals, bring them to one of the following collection events. Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or tax bill, will be required. **These events are ONLY for residents of Saint Louis County. Businesses are prohibited by law from participating.** ([www.recyclesaintlouis.com](http://www.recyclesaintlouis.com))

**Saturday, October 25** - South County Center (formerly Westfield Shoppingtown – South County) 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Saturday, November 8** - St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley Campus 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Saturday, November 15** - Westminster Christian Academy – Town and Country Campus 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

## Students on the *Move*

*Compiled by Eileen Pheiffer*

As the parent of 4 graduates of Delmar Harvard, I have wonderful memories of the days when my children attended our local grade school. At our Association board meeting last night I heard that there is a resurgence in attendance at DH and I couldn't be more delighted. Thus, I'll begin this column with an update on my DH graduates. **Brittany Pheiffer**, Radcliffe, graduated from Dartmouth College with a major in Russian language and literature and is now at Yale Divinity School, where she is pursuing a Masters in Theology.

**Evan Pheiffer** studied last year at Science Po (Institute of Political Science) in Paris, France. He is completing his senior year at the University of Missouri, Columbia, with double majors in History and French and double minors in Philosophy and Political Science.

**Austin Pheiffer** is studying Communication Design at Parsons, the New School for Design, in Manhattan, NY. Youngest Pheiffer **Anna** is a sophomore at John Cabot University (JCU) in Rome, Italy, studying International Business. JCU is an American University and Anna will complete all her undergraduate work in Rome.

**Artie Yentumi**, on Dartmouth, another DH graduate, is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL, where he is studying Aviation Management. Artie became a USPTR certified tennis coach this past summer. He and his sister, **Martha**, won the mixed doubles tennis tournament at AAA at Forest Park in July. Martha is a freshman at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, where she is studying Civil Engineering.

**John Schwarz**, on Princeton, is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of his PhD program in Bio-statistics at the University of North Carolina. **Sarah**, his sister, has finished her dietetic internship, passed her exams and is now a registered dietitian. She is studying for her Masters at St. Louis University. **Rachel Schwarz** is a senior at the University of Louisville where she is majoring in Psychology and has been invited to join the Psychology Honors Society.

# FROM OUR TRUSTEES

*From Judy Baernstein*

## Ready to Go - Neighborhood Improvement District - NID

We are on the verge of signing a contract for the street improvements, the replacement of some driveway approaches (AKA aprons), and the replacement of selected sidewalk slabs with TraMar Contracting, Inc. of St. Charles. We hope to start work right away, maybe even by the time you receive this issue of Fence Talk.

We will be marking with spray paint the sidewalk slabs and driveway aprons scheduled for replacement. A number of you want your sidewalk aprons widened to conform to your driveways. We will do this if your apron is on the schedule to be replaced. Please contact a trustee if your apron needs widening. If you have any problems with the slabs and aprons as marked, please e-mail (preferred) or call us pronto.

### Communications, again

We will communicate the construction details, like street closing days, by several methods. We will post signs at the two entrances but signs can only hold so much information. We encourage you to join the Fence Talk at [www.fencetalk.org](http://www.fencetalk.org) to obtain more detailed information about the project on an ongoing basis. We trustees, the Fence Talk publishers, and the University Heights Association pledge to keep the e-mailings to a minimum and to not circulate your address.

### Driveway repair, again

Many of you wanted to do concrete or asphalt work on your driveways and patios with the same company we are using, while they have their equipment in the neighborhood, which may result in a good price. Although we trustees have chosen these vendors and think they will do good work for the subdivision, your agreements with them are strictly your business and we do not wish to be part of it. We think that this work may begin very soon, so do not delay or you will miss the boat (or concrete truck). Please make sure you have received other bids so you will be able to make an informed choice when you get these bids. Now that all the disclaimers have been posted, we are pleased to announce that TraMar Construction, Inc, in the person of Patrick A. Terrio, 636-255-0808, [pterrio@tramarcontracting.com](mailto:pterrio@tramarcontracting.com) will be handling your private asphalt and concrete work. Call him only about your personal work. **If there are any problems during subdivision construction, call a trustee.**

### For the future

Please remember to start to set aside your money for this assessment by the City of University City, as detailed in the letter you received from the City earlier in the summer. You may pay it all at once or over ten years, with an 8% interest charge. We are currently predicting (guessing) that the assessment will not come due until after the first of the year, maybe even later. But be prepared.

### Great News: The Earth Is Not Going to Swallow up Yale, Dartmouth, and Radcliffe

Metropolitan Sewer District has finally discovered that they are, indeed, the agency which has caused the street cave-in. There is a sewer break beneath the street and they are proceeding to fix it. They will also have to put the street light base, the wiring, and the street lamp back in place (we hope). It has been three months since we first asked them to check this out and at that time, they denied responsibility for it. With continuing pressure from the trustees and, especially in the last weeks, pressure from the City of University City, a re-assessment was done and action will be forthcoming. Yea!

### Safety Issues - Cause for Concern

There was an intruder in an unlocked house in our subdivision and a robbery on the street in an adjacent neighborhood. There have also been cases of petty theft from unlocked and locked cars and theft of unlocked bikes in the neighborhood. We encourage you to join the **Neighborhood Watch program** (see Page 1).

We are looking into putting an unlocked, closed gate up past **Footbridge Park** (the new name for the area near Dartmouth and Harvard) where the current opening in the fence is, to make the access for our residents easy, lighted, short, and safer, while making the opening less obvious to the casual passerby from the shopping center parking lot. We are not yet sure what to do about the old long gravel path to Vernon.

Keeping our neighborhood safe is best done in conjunction with UCity Police Department. Call them any time you are suspicious. Keep your wits about you and your goods locked up.



# CLASSIFIEDS, ETC.

**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.

Dartmouth 4 bdr coming soon -  
For Sale or Lease. 314-323-9273

**MASSAGE THERAPIST**  
Amy Ziegler- 727-1903

**HAVE AN OLD BIKE?**  
I am looking for any old bicycles that you want to get rid of, working or not. St. Louis Artworks has a number of students that are building a bike rack out of old bikes. If you have any, let me know and I will come pick up.  
Dan Martin 314.721.2907

**HVAC WORK**  
Call Dave Gardin 314.308.7696

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

**EXPERT EUROPEAN-TRAINED HOUSE PAINTING AND CUSTOM RESTORATION** Roger Douek, Architectural colorist. 341-5009.

### New to U. Heights?

Call Margaret Rosielle at 725-5936 for a Welcome Packet.

### Heights email list!

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.

## NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

### BABY SITTERS

Martha Yentumi	726-5348
Zach Dean	725-4274
Joey Ferber	727-2634
Becky Ferber	727-2634
Jack Biggs	727-8435

### 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**  
863-3966 -- JoyceDaughaday@remax.net

**Judy Baernstein**  
725-8530 -- baernstein@sbcglobal.net

**Morton Hyman**  
727-1175 -- mdhyman@sbcglobal.net

## 2007-'08 UHA BOARD

Chris Gordon	President	703 Harvard
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Nan Rochberg	Secretary	6936 Cornell
Eileen Pheiffer	Treasurer	720 Radcliffe

**Members:**

Tracy Boaz	780 Yale
Tim Cross	726 Harvard
Dan Diekneite	751 Radcliffe
Roger Davenport	784 Yale
Betsy Grant	730 Harvard
Patti LaVesser	6928 Amherst
Richard Muehlmann	6932 Amherst
Ed Renner	739 Radcliffe
Margaret Rosielle	17 Princeton
Jim Ross	21 Princeton
Matthew Tillstrom	729 Harvard
Shari LeKane-Yentumi	6939 Dartmouth

## 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 TRELAWNS:** Judy Baernstein, 725-8530, or any Trustee. Do NOT call the tree maintenance company.

**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

**TRELAWN 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 in middle column)

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

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

**HEIGHTS WEB SITE:** 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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