



## LUMINARIA

### SALES

Saturday, December 16, 10am-4pm  
 Sunday, December 17, 12noon-4 pm  
 Corner of Radcliffe and Columbia  
 5 sets for \$5.00; 15 sets for \$12.00.

### THE LIGHTING

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual University Heights Luminaria Celebration will be held Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. To welcome winter and brighten (close to) one of the longest nights of the year, we line our sidewalks with the traditional Mexican luminarias and invite everyone to take a winter stroll and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood by candlelight.

Our luminaria consist of paper bags illuminated by candles. Sand is used to weight the bag and keep the candle in place. We place them 12-18" apart along the sidewalk in front of our homes and light the candles at 6:00 p.m. You may also line your driveway, walk or porch if you wish.

The neighborhood looks best when there is a continuous line of lights on each street so please participate and urge your neighbors to participate. If you have a neighbor who is elderly or infirm who would like to participate, please offer them your assistance.

Last year was a tremendous success and the neighborhood looked great! We encourage everyone to put on their scarves and mittens and stroll with family and friends. For additional fun and festivity, see the related article about the **neighborhood progressive dinner party (see right)** also being planned for December 17<sup>th</sup>.



## LUMINARIA 2006

# Progressive Dinner Party

### Back by popular demand!

In conjunction with Luminaria 2006, we are excited to once again coordinate the University Heights Progressive Dinner Party. EVERYONE is invited and you do not have to host to attend.

You will go to 3 different homes in the neighborhood and bring a dish and beverage to one of your host's homes.

### Here's how it works:

**5:30pm - 6:30:** Cocktails (3 more hosts needed)

**6:45 - 7:45:** Soup/salad (4 more hosts needed)

**8:00 - 9:00:** Everyone will end up at one BIG house for dessert

You will receive all your assignments in a confirmation letter that arrives a few days before the event.

This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and see friends you've been missing. Encourage your friends and neighbors to attend!

Call **Jane Massey** 518-4095 or **Mary Edgerton** 725-3300 to volunteer your home or to RSVP. We are looking forward to another great family and neighborhood event!

**We need more hosts, so please consider opening your house for this fun-filled evening!**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 14 Big Trash Day  
 December 16 Luminaria Sales  
 December 17 Luminaria Sales, Luminaria Lighting  
 December 17 Progressive Dinner  
 (No Board meeting in December)  
 January 9 UHA Board Meeting  
 February 13 UHA Board Meeting

SPEAKING OF PROGRESSIVE DINNER, FENCE TALK DINNER THEATER PRESENTS...  
A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO DINNER

Ever wonder why the City requires clearly-displayed street numbers on houses? It's not just to hold Board meetings at the correct house or ensure pizza is delivered to the right hungry family. A huge reason is safety – if emergency vehicles can't find you, it's more difficult for them to actually *help* you.

During these darker months, look at the numbering on your house and see if there's room for improvement. Could an EMT or police vehicle find your house at night? And if increased safety doesn't convince you, consider the following...

Jim Ross shared this story at a recent UHA Board Meeting:

*About this same time last year I was looking forward to the annual progressive dinner. It's always a time to meet new people and see inside beautiful homes I would never, otherwise see. This time my wife had made a scrumptious dish (I don't remember what it was, of course). However, at the last minute my wife grew ill and I had to go alone. I knew the first stop was on Yale and didn't pay a lot of attention to the house number. Sure enough, when I got to the general area I saw the house where several people were going in with dishes. So, I went up to the door, gave the hostess, whom I knew, my dish and went and began to visit with all the nice people. I was surprised that some of the people were not from our neighborhood. No matter. We had a nice bite to eat and interesting conversation. However, nobody seemed anxious to go to the next house. Finally, I said, "shouldn't we be going to the next house?" Everyone looked at me with surprise and one said, "What house? What are you talking about?" I suddenly realized I was in WRONG HOUSE! The house I was supposed to go to was next door! Since I knew the hostess and she was having guests at the same time, I had assumed I was at the right place. Well I still had a nice time and they enjoyed my wife's cooking. Don't we live in a great neighborhood?*

OK, Jim's story had less to do about house numbers, but it was funny. Several Board members said that it was difficult to determine the right houses on less-familiar streets at last year's Progressive Dinner due to numbering.

So, if someone shows up to your house with a dish on the night of Progressive Dinner, and you're not a host house, you may want to consider checking the legibility of your house numbers! Then feed your new guest!

## YOU CAN HELP SPEED UP THE NEXT ELECTION!

Most of us have recovered from the agonizing voting wait of the last election. However, it will not be all that long before the 2008 presidential cycle election and the lines may be even longer if action is not taken to fix the problems which this last election revealed. One aspect of the problem is the lack of sufficient personnel to adequately staff the polling stations. We can fix that problem. Anyone interested in working at the polls should call Ed Renner or email to [renneres@hotmail.com](mailto:renneres@hotmail.com). We can then arrange to be trained by the election commissioners and become poll workers. Workers are actually paid for their services.

### 2006 - 2007 UHA BOARD MEETINGS

(No meeting in December)

January 9	739 Radcliffe
February 13	6940 Columbia
March 13	6928 Amherst
April: Annual Meeting	(Exact date & location TBD)
May 8	#1 Yale

### 2006 - 2007 UHA OFFICERS

President	Patti Lavesser
Vice Pres.	Ed Renner
Treasurer	Eileen Pheiffer
Secretary	Mike Edgerton

(See all Board members online at [www.fencetalk.org](http://www.fencetalk.org)!)

### MANY THANKS, MARY

As Fence Talk editor the last two years, Mary Edgerton collected, wrote, edited and desktop-published about a dozen Fence Talk issues. Mary did a great job, and we appreciate her efforts in publishing such a great neighborhood resource.

We also want to extend thanks to the Cross and Pheiffer families for continued support in printing and distributing Fence Talk in a timely manner.

## FROM OUR TRUSTEES

### **2006 Assessments: A Correction**

The bills for your 2006 assessments were put in the mail November 21. They were calculated at \$3.25 per frontage foot, reflecting the \$0.25 increase which the neighborhood authorized in November of 2005. However, due to my clerical error, the statement reads "assessed at \$3.00 per foot". I am sorry for any confusion. -  
*Joyce Daughaday*

### **Stormy Street Issues**

Our old trees produce such a crop of leaves, that we have perennial problems in the fall and winter. To reiterate the problems for those of you new to our neighborhood, here goes:

Please do not rake leaves into the streets until the weekend before pick-up week. Keep them on the tree lawn if possible until then. If we get rains, the leaves wash down the streets and clog our already fragile drainage systems. If you live near one of the "lakes" which form on the street, please go out and rake the leaves (and occasionally ice bergs) out of the drain so it can do its job. A second worry is that when you park on top of these leaf piles, your hot exhaust system could ignite the leaves, leaving your car in a bit of a pickle.

**After the last leaf pick-up (which has already happened) you can not rake them into the street. You must bag or compost your leaves. The city picks up bags free (without stickers) between Oct. 15 and Dec. 31.**

When a snow or ice storm approaches, park in your driveways if possible. This allows our snowplow to do a better job of clearing the streets. Have a good winter!

### **Going away for a while? Want to rent out your house?**

We would like to remind you that if you rent your house out, no matter how informally, you must have an inspection and bring it up to code in order for your tenants to obtain an occupancy permit. Very few city services can be accessed without a permit. You also need to remember to obtain a new permit for yourself, when you return.

### **More Corrections**

On the back of the (tan) 2005 Neighborhood Directory, Paul Schoomer's phone number is wrong. It is 862-8246. Also, Ron Scott has retired as a trustee and Judy Baernstein is the new trustee, 725-8530.

## GREAT PUMPKIN KUDOS!

This year, neighbor and rookie UHA Board Member Kit Sundararaman was appointed ambassador to Pumpkin Land. She convinced the Great Pumpkin to make yet another stop in our pumpkin patch, who issued ribbons to the following homes. Great work!

770 Radcliffe  
6955 Amherst  
6918 Columbia  
3 Princeton  
722 Yale  
6934 Dartmouth  
728 Trinity  
6925 Delmar  
726 Harvard  
6960 Cornell

## WWW.FENCETALK.ORG

Be sure to check [www.fencetalk.org](http://www.fencetalk.org) for information and updates between issues of *FenceTalk*. You'll also find a calendar (with information on what movie is playing our Central Park), an on-line neighborhood directory and an opportunity to vote on various polls and surveys.

## VACANT LOTS

The UHA Board plans to beautify the vacant lots at Radcliffe & Columbia and Dartmouth & Harvard, including the purchase of benches, paint and landscaping. Plans are preliminary and won't be put in place until Spring 2007, but stay tuned.



# CLASSIFIEDS

**CLASSIFIED CLEANOUT COMING:** In order to remain up-to-date, we will "clean out" the Classifieds before the next issue and replace it with all-new ads. Please contact Fence Talk to re-up your announcement and/or provide new Classified info.

## 797 YALE

Our house will be on the market late winter. Contact Ruth & Tom Cobb, 863-2144.

## HANDMADE PAINTED NECKLACES

Hearts, droplets, wooden beads. Rebecca, 721-1350

## MATTRESSES

Budget grade to fabulous pillow tops & beyond. Discounts offered to neighbors. Jeff Massey, 353-0800

## WEB SITES

Visit iNKBLiNK.com

## CALLING FIBER LOVERS!

Anyone interested in starting a Knitting/Crocheting Club for fun and/or charity? Jackie Grosklos, 725-4274

## Delmar Harvard Elementary Kindergarten Open House

December 13th, at 6:30 pm  
711 Kingsland  
All prospective kindergarteners and their parents are invited to meet the kindergarten teaching team and new principal. We will begin in the library, enter through the front of the building (Kingsland side).

**Missing!** Eighteen inch double sided white-wall tire removed (taken? stolen?) from the back yard of 6932 Amherst. If you have seen this tire anywhere or know anything about it, please call. **Reward** for info leading to its recovery. 721-8095.

## New to U. Heights?

If you have recently moved into our neighborhood, be sure to contact Margaret Rosielle at 725-5936. She will drop by and give you a Welcome Packet.

## NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

### BABY SITTERS

Brandon Bloom-Ellis	727-1362
Cayla Damick	863-7106
Lexi Land	725-0785
Jenna Massey	726-1250
Anna Pheiffer	725-7067

### MOTHERS HELPERS

Becky Ferber	727-2634
Joey Ferber	727-2634
Megan King	863.6978
Martha Yentumi	726-5348
Jessie Massey	726-1250

### LAWN MOWERS

Drew Bloom-Ellis	727-1362
Elliot Glass	863-2632
Bradley Land	725-0785
Austin Pheiffer	725-7067
Evan Pheiffer	725-7067
Justin Vail	727-9149
Arthur Yentumi	726-5348

### PET SITTERS

Cayla Damick	863-7106
Becky Ferber	727-2634
Joey Ferber	727-2634
Elliot Glass	863-2632
Bradley Land	725-0785
Jessie Massey	726-1250
Jenna Massey	726-1250
Anna Pheiffer	725-7067
Alex Phillips	725-4567
Alec Slavin	727-0339
Martha Yentumi	726-5348
Arthur Yentumi	726-5348

### HOUSEHOLD CHORES

Joey Ferber	727-2634
Elliot Glass	863-2632

### HOUSE SITTING

Lexi Land	725-0785
Jenny Phillips	725-4567

### THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Amy Ziegler, LMT 727-1903

## Heights email announcements: Get 'em!

The UHNA and Trustees occasionally send emails to residents about meetings, social events and important UH matters, such as recent storm cleanups. We keep your email addresses private and the emails infrequent but useful. To add or remove yourself, contact Fence Talk.

## 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

**TREES FROM TREELAWN OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALK /LIGHTS:** Judy Baernstein, 725-8530

**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

**TREELAWN LIGHTS BURNED OUT OR DAMAGED:**  
Ameren UE 342-1000

**INTERSECTION LIGHTS BURNED OUT OR DAMAGED:** Paul Schoomer 862-8246

**GENERAL COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE HEIGHTS:** Paul Schoomer 862-8246

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

**HEIGHTS WEB SITE:** [www.fencetalk.org](http://www.fencetalk.org)

**FENCE TALK:** Matthew Tillstrom 862-2199  
If you have any ideas or content, email: [fencetalk@universityheightsonline.org](mailto:fencetalk@universityheightsonline.org).

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