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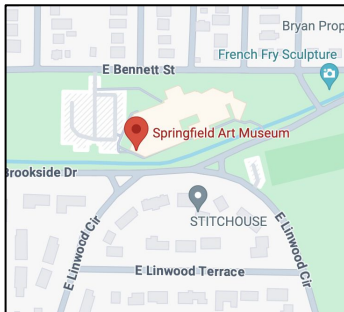
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS: CENTER CITY LIVING
IN A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Event Highlight

Quarterly General Meeting

Wed, March 6
5:30 PM Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 PM Meeting Begins

Springfield Art Museum
Community Room



FEBRUARY SNOWFALL ON STANFORD STREET
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In the Rearview Mirror

Reviewing our past month of February sadly means addressing our most recent round of vandalism. The University Heights Facebook group as well as our local media have given us many of the sordid details. Yes, it's disheartening, and we seem to be moving into an era of "drastic times that call for drastic measures."

Our first general membership meeting of 2024 will be focusing on this recent destructive spree. Our new PAR officer, Stevin Cisneros, will be giving a program on the importance of establishing a Neighborhood Watch and how to implement the program. We all need to hear this topic. Suddenly, as residents of University Heights, we have no choice but full participation from our entire neighborhood to keep our homes and families safe.

That being said, your Board has pushed ahead to lay the necessary groundwork for establishing a Neighborhood Watch ASAP. Jim Caffey has agreed to be our Neighborhood Watch coordinator. Fortunately for us, he has some previous experience with another Neighborhood Watch organization in Springfield. However, he and I will both be attending the Neighborhood Watch training on Tuesday, March 5th. This training takes place twice each year, so the next opportunity will not be until September. We need as many of you as possible to be at the training. Every interested resident is an important gift to us all.

Our Facebook Page continues to be prudently monitored by Susan Robinson and Rina Edge. Kathy Pulley and her committee will soon have a draft of our revised Bylaws.

Jeff Carney is busy organizing our April 21st city-wide Kickball Tournament and our annual cleanup day. Rina Edge is researching the ins and outs of creating a Neighborhood Plan. Holly Acharya has gotten the website back up and running, and her next project is to give it a well-deserved facelift. Jeff Carney and I are learning about NAC (Neighborhood Advisory Council) and its many resources. More will be shared at the General Meeting.

Please put the Neighborhood Watch training and the General Membership meeting on your calendars. The Board and I truly desire to fill the evening of March 6th with genial camaraderie and useful information.

Respectfully Yours,

Barbara Rae Hughes
President, UHNA

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Treasurer's Report

This month we received a check for UHNA's participation in the 2023 Bass Pro marathon cheering challenge. The \$550 award check was deposited, and our current balance is \$5,074.28.

The UHNA fiscal year runs from July through June. For anyone who wants to become a member or renew their membership, dues paid in 2024 will cover membership through June 30, 2025. For more information, join us at the General Meeting on March 6 or download a [membership form](#) from our website.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Dunbar
Treasurer, UHNA

Calendar Corner

March 5

- Neighborhood Watch Training, 6:00 PM
MO Career Center, 2900 E Sunshine

March 6

- General Membership Meeting, 5:30 PM
Springfield Art Museum. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

April 21

- Annual Kickball Tournament, 1:00 PM
Meador Park

May 18

- Neighborhood Cleanup, 8:00 AM - Noon
Missouri State Lot #22 (Grand St)

2025

- University Heights 100th Anniversary!

Association Benefits

What are the benefits of joining a neighborhood association? **You can establish neighborhood bonds.** Building community within your neighborhood is of utmost importance. Working together with your neighbors helps make everyone feel like they belong. **You can solve problems together.** "Ten voices are louder than one." In a team, you can focus your interests and your efforts on the things that are most important to you. In the end,

you will be much more successful. **You can establish better communication with your neighbors.** Too often, people do not even know their neighbors. Merely getting people introduced to their neighbors will affect improvements in untold ways. **You can work more effectively with municipal services.** In the same way that residents benefit by working together, a group provides a larger unified voice for communicating with city government to raise

concerns and solve problems. **You can create pride in your neighborhood.** Creating pride is something so basic, yet so important. Neighborhoods can easily fall into disrepair. But when people care, they maintain and improve their homes. **You can help make your neighborhood a safer place.** By working together and looking out for each other, neighbors can help to create a safer, more secure environment in which to live. *From the City of Springfield's "Success through Neighborhood Organization"*

Committee Comments

If you'd like to be a part of any of our committees, please reach out to the committee chair listed.

Let your voice be heard!

Social Committee Chair: Jeff Carney

We have some exciting events coming up with lots of opportunities for service and fun!

The annual Springfield Neighborhood Association Kickball Tournament will be on April 21. We really hope to field a team this year! This year, teams are required to have at least 5 players who are 8-13 years old, so this will be a great family friendly event.

We will also have a Neighborhood Cleanup on May 18, and are looking for volunteers to make that a success.

Finally, we have our 100th Anniversary of University Heights in 2025 that we need to begin planning now! There will be Block Parties and lots more! I have spoken by email and text to several of you, but if you have any questions or suggestions, or want to participate, please let me know! This year will be great fun!

Facebook Committee Chairs: Rina Edge and Susan Robinson

We will be making a small but meaningful change to our Facebook Group by renaming it to "University Heights Neighborhood" (rather than Association). This better reflects the nature of the group, which is to be a space for all UH residents to connect and share. Rina and Sue will continue to moderate the group to ensure that community guidelines are being followed.