



Urban Neighborhoods Alliance Grant Beach Neighborhood January Update

Campaign for the Community To date, we have raised almost \$15,000 from this campaign. Although this is well short of our \$50,000 goal, we appreciate all who have donated so far. We have made budget cuts to reflect this shortfall. We have a fundraiser coming up the end of this month called Home Show² in conjunction with the Homebuilders Association Home Show. This would entail a tour of five lofts/condos downtown and five single-family houses in West Central. There will be a combo ticket price of \$10 or \$8 if they just attend the tour.

Urban Living Tour As part of trying to promote urban living to residents, UNA is partnering with the Urban Districts Alliance and the West Central Neighborhood Alliance for a Urban Living Tour to be held January 30-31 in conjunction with the Home Builders' Association Home Show. Five condos and five single family houses in West Central will be on display. Tickets are \$8 for the tour itself but can be combined with a home show ticket for only \$10. If this is somewhat successful, it will be moved to other neighborhoods if desired by them.



Scrambowl '10 Our 2nd Annual Scrambowl Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Friday, March 12 at Enterprise Lanes due to lack of team participation. Chase Vincel has done a good job at securing prizes for the event and BKD has signed on as Presenting Sponsor and we also have several Lane Sponsorships. We are going to regroup to try to get more teams and more neighborhood participation. A larger committee will be formed for the event.

UNA Work Plan The work plan for this fiscal year was adopted at the September meeting. It was asked that staff leave in certain items pending financial resources. Community Foundation has been contacted about fronting us the money for a Tire Toss event in the spring and they have agreed. The event has been approved for reimbursement from Department of Natural Resources.

Home Depot Framing Hope Initiative Our last distribution for the Framing Hope initiative was Thursday, December 17, 2009 from 3:00-5:00 pm. To date, we have given out over \$36,000 worth of merchandise. Grant Beach Neighborhood Association members (62) have received almost \$9,600 worth of merchandise (960+ items), amounting to about 26% of the product. Jeff Ansell from Midtown has stepped up to take the lead on this initiative. We have already received over \$7,000 worth of additional merchandise from Home Depot, a lot of which will be in the January 21st shipment.

Urban Neighborhoods Community Land Trust We have closed and conducted bid tours on our first two properties for the land trust. The first property was at 906 W. Mt. Vernon and the second was at 2121 N. Franklin. Contractors have been chosen for both--Whitaker Builders, LLC-Mt. Vernon and All Square Construction-Franklin. We are closing on our third property at 1040 W. Mt. Vernon on 1/22 and an offer was accepted from the lender for the property at 616 W. Hovey.

UNA ToolBox The ToolBox continues to get new members. We have had another chipper donated to the tool lending library, now making two chippers ready for use. We have sent renewal notices out for those that have been members for a year. Cox Health has donated a tool shed to be used for the storage of many of our tools as you noticed when you walked in.

Real Estate Listings On the UNA website, www.unaonline.org, there are listings of the homes that are for sale in the Midtown neighborhood through the multi-list service. I have also listed the houses under contract and the ones that's have sold. This might be a great tool for membership outreach you may want to do. These are separated by elementary school. A special thank you goes to Ron Coluccio (Murney Associates), a UNA board member, for generating these lists.

Banker/Realtor Tour We postponed our banker and realtor tour that was scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 due to lack of participants. We will be having this in the spring and will ask the neighborhoods to be more involved in the recruitment of participants.

Membership Coupon Pages For our records, UNA would like some type of report on how the coupon pages were distributed to your neighborhood association members if and when you decide to use the coupons.

This report is available in a .pdf format and can be e-mailed to the residents of the Grant Beach neighborhood.