



Urban Neighborhoods Alliance Grant Beach Neighborhood February Update

Scrambowl '10 Our 2nd Annual Bowl-A-Thon '10 has been rescheduled for Friday, March 12 at Enterprise Lanes. The Presenting Sponsor for the event is BKD Foundation. We currently have lane sponsorships from Cox Health and UMB Bank. For the event, bowlers will either pay or raise \$30 each and there are five-person teams. Each neighborhood is being asked to recruit four teams for the event in order to fill the lanes we have committed at Enterprise (24). We have a great start on securing prizes for the event but if you know of anyone that might donate, please give the office a call. We have students from Drury University working on the event. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE FOUR OR FIVE OR SIX TEAMS FROM GRANT BEACH.



Home Depot Framing Hope Initiative At the January UNA board meeting, more guidelines were adopted as a result of challenged associated with the Framing Hope program:

- ✓ Membership cards will be developed by neighborhoods and will be strongly encouraged to be presented at the Framing Hope distribution. These membership cards will be dated and have all potential family members on them that live at that address.
- ✓ Only residents that live within the UNA footprint AND are members of the neighborhood association in which they live will be eligible to participate.
- ✓ Proper signage will be placed at the distribution explaining the guidelines and restrictions.
- ✓ More volunteers will be secured from the neighborhoods. There will be a check-in table where people that come must check in before they enter the merchandise area. More volunteers will also be used for monthly inventory and pick-up from Home Depot. Volunteers would also help with item look up and data entry.
- ✓ Limits will be placed on new merchandise for a certain period of time with signage being placed on the merchandise that indicates the limit. These limits may vary depending on how much of each item is received.

Our last distribution for the Framing Hope initiative was Thursday, January 21, 2009 from 3:00-5:00 pm but figures are not available from this distribution due to lack of staff time to enter the data. To date, we have given out over \$40,000 worth of merchandise. Through December, Grant Beach Neighborhood Association members (66) have received almost \$9,600 worth of merchandise (965+ items), amounting to about 26% of the product. Jeff Ansell from Midtown has stepped up to take the lead on this initiative. Over \$10,000 worth of additional merchandise from Home Depot was in the February 18th shipment. The merchandise has been recounted and a new list will hopefully be on the UNA website soon.

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 soon. We have four other houses under contract: 754 S. Douglas (West Central); 711 N. Fulbright (Heart of the Westside); 1719 N. Clay (Midtown); and 616 W. Hovey (Grant Beach). We have a contract written for an eighth house at 2041 N. Prospect in the Robberson neighborhood right by Pathways United Methodist Church.

Tire Toss Event UNA has secured funding from the Department of Natural Resources for the reimbursement of the tire disposal. Community Foundation of the Ozarks is front UNA the money in order to have funding available to pay the tire disposal company. The event will take place Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 8:00 am-

2:00 pm at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. Grant Beach is taking the lead to secure volunteers for the event. Drury University students are helping on this project also.

Landlord Training Workshop Our 8th Annual Landlord Training Workshop is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 10 at City Utilities. In the past, the Grant Beach board has made a decision to rebate landlords in the neighborhood \$10 for attending this class. The price of the workshop will be either \$30 or \$35 and is from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Tenant Training Through the West Central Stabilization Grant, UNA will be conducting tenant training classes the first part of April. These classes will focus on: 1) What is in my rental lease?; 2) Good Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods; 3) Household Budget...Tips You Should Know; 4) Appliances, Lights and Doorknobs or HOW DOES THAT WORK?; 5) Community Resources...I know what I need, but where do I find it?; and 5) Cultural and Economic Diversity...We are oh so different, so very different, and yet so very much the same! Food and childcare will be provided. I am going to try to open this up to tenants outside of the West Central neighborhood but there will be a fee for these classes. This will take place March 30, April 6 and April 13 at Campbell Elementary.

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. The Division of Youth Services has contacted UNA about a possible partnership that might include getting another tool shed built for UNA.

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. The report shows that approximately 36 homes were sold in the Weaver School attendance for the year. These homes that sold had total listing prices of \$2,374,444 with an average list price of \$65,956.

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