



Urban Neighborhoods Alliance Grant Beach Neighborhood April Update

Bowl-A-Thon '10 We had our 2nd annual bowl-a-thon on Friday, March 12 at Enterprise Lanes. We had ten paid teams and should raise around \$3,500. We hope to grow this next year where there is more participation from the neighborhoods. Thanks to BKD for being Presenting Sponsor. Midtown was the neighborhood with the most teams (3).



Below Market Home Improvement Loan Program After last month's vote to have Guaranty Bank be the lender for the Below Market Home Improvement Loan Program, I am working with Dana Elwell to implement this program. This should be up and running by April 30th.

Drury Brigades Program There is a whole class of freshman students working on projects in the UNA footprint this semester. Projects include:

- ✓ Working with UNA and Grant Beach on the Tire Toss event on April 17;
- ✓ Developing a walking tour brochure for Midtown to encourage Midtown residents and Drury faculty/staff to walk throughout the neighborhood;
- ✓ Working with Grant Beach on their sports program;
- ✓ Working with Midtown to plan a block party to launch the Neighborhood Watch program; and
- ✓ Working with UNA to host a youth basketball tournament on the DU campus to raise money for the mini-grant program that we had previously cut due to budget issues.

The second part of the semester the students are going to concentrate on writing grants for UNA.

Landlord Training Workshop UNA hosted its 8th annual landlord training workshop on Saturday, April 10, at City Utilities. Since we started this program, over 300 landlords have taken part, representing over 12,000 housing units in Springfield and the surrounding area. This has always been a good program of UNA and serves its neighborhoods well. Grant Beach had one landlord attend this training. We had 35 landlords representing over 1,600 properties.

Framing Hope Initiative For 2009, over \$40,000 worth of merchandise has been given away. This month's distribution went extremely well because of the volunteer support we received from the neighborhoods. The signage helped along with the "limits" that were placed on certain goods. We have received another shipment for this month (April 15) already. Thank you to all the neighborhoods that helped. Another volunteer from Midtown is currently looking up prices and entering data and disbursements for January, February and March.

Community Land Trust Here is an update on properties so far for the trust:

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| ✓ 906 W. Mt. Vernon | Purchase Accepted & Closed Rehab Started | West Central |
| ✓ 2121 N. Franklin | Purchase Accepted & Closed Rehab Started | Woodland Heights |
| ✓ 1040 W. Mt. Vernon | Purchase Accepted & Closed Rehab Started | West Central |
| ✓ 616 W. Hovey | Purchase Accepted & Closed Rehab Started | Grant Beach |
| ✓ 1719 N. Clay | Purchase Accepted & Closed | Midtown |
| ✓ 711 N. Fulbright | Purchase Accepted & Closed Rehab Started | Heart of the West Side |
| ✓ 2041 N. Prospect | Purchase Accepted & Closed | Robberson |
| ✓ 754 S. Douglas | Purchase Accepted & Closed | West Central |
| ✓ 2224 N. Travis | Purchase Accepted—Waiting to Close | Robberson |

✓ 2204 N. Robberson	Wrote Contract	Woodland Heights
✓ 2218 N. Robberson	Purchase Accepted—Waiting to Close	Woodland Heights
✓ 427 S. Hilton	Wrote Offer—Waiting for Counter Offer	West Side
✓ 846 S. New	Wrote Offer	West Central
✓ 1324 N. Broadway	Wrote Offer	Grant Beach
✓ 1035 N. Broadway	Expressed Interest—Waiting for Offer	Grant Beach
✓ 3244 W. Calhoun	Expressed Interest—Waiting for Offer	Heart of the West Side

To date, we have reviewed 94 properties from the trust and 41 properties from individual realtors that have sent us leads on properties. This is consistent with what was told to Brendan and me that we would probably buy 1 in every 10 that we reviewed. A list of properties we have reviewed is available upon request.

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.

Tenant Training Through the West Central Stabilization Grant, UNA will be conducting tenant training classes on April 27, May 4 and May 11. 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. Cost for these classes are \$15 and include dinner and childcare.

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. Four new members were received last week.

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.

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