



## Urban Neighborhoods Alliance Grant Beach Neighborhood May Update

**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 May 30.

**Landlord Training Workshop** UNA hosted its 8<sup>th</sup> 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 workshop.

**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. 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, March and April. Last month, we received 11 new members for neighborhood associations.

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

✓ 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 & Closed	Robberson
✓ 2218 N. Robberson	Purchase Accepted & Closed	Woodland Heights
✓ 846 S. New	Purchase Accepted—Waiting To Close	West Central
✓ 3244 W. Calhoun	Purchase Accepted—Waiting To Close	Heart of the West Side
✓ 2110 N. Missouri	Purchase Accepted—Waiting To Close	Woodland Heights
✓ 2220 W. Atlantic	Purchase Accepted—Waiting To Close	Tom Watkins
✓ 3006 W. Elm	Purchase Accepted—Waiting To Close	West Side

To date, we have reviewed 98 properties from the trust and 45 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 fronting UNA the money in order to have funding available to pay the tire disposal company. The event took 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. Over 2900 tires were collected.

**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](http://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.***