

Report: Union Triangle community team

11/19/14

A few of us met for the final community team meeting of the year on Wednesday night. Mia, Gary, Stephanie, Suzanne, Joannah, Rita and myself met at Mia and Shad's place.

Mia updated us on the Worthington Park and SASY meetings she'd attended which informed us that:

- Hawthorne Library is looking to get out of its lease within the next three years.
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- There'll be a holiday party in aid of three Worthington Park groups at the Goodman Community Center on Dec. 14. The whole community is invited. More details will follow when we have them.

Crime

Bad news

- There seems to be an increase in traffic around Union Street and Hermina Street. Also, suspected drug dealing at the corner of Hermina Street and Clyde Gallagher in loitering cars.
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- There's been a spate of cars riffled through on Union Street.
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- It sounded like there was a gunshot on Nov. 17 around 730 near Oak Street.

Good news

Cameras have been installed at the front and back of the Wallgreens/library/strip mall Suzanne is looking into what it will take to start a Nine House Neighborhood Watch scheme.

The same message as usual: **Keep safe. Keep cars and houses locked. If you see anything unusual report it to the non-emergency line [608 255 2345](tel:6082552345).** If you see anything illegal happening call 911.

Reger Park

Mia has sent several emails to the Parks Department regarding installing lights along the bike path at Reger Park and other refurbishment. They haven't been replied to.

There's going to be a concerted effort by the team to send emails to the Parks department asking what it will take to get these requested lights installed. (Jason sent the first follow-up email this morning Cc-ing our alder, local police contacts and community team members).

Community events

- In January and February - once the real snow arrives - there'll an ad. hoc. Reger Park picnic/grill out/fire pit parties. We'll inform people through this list serve and the

[Union Triangle Facebook page](#). They will probably be organized pretty swiftly. So, keep your eyes open for emails about them.

- Next spring and summer we'll continue the Reger Park Wednesday picnics - should they be once a month or once a week? We're not sure. What do you think?
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- Stephanie's researching getting food carts on Clyde Gallagher on the bike path at least once next summer.
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- Mia's looking into what it'll take to organize a [Make Music Madison](#) 2015 event in Reger Park.
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- As the dates for Make Music Madison and The Union Street Block Party often coincide we'll make sure they don't in 2015.
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Starkweather Creek planting

The prescribed burn that was due in fall will not happen until spring due to the snow. Once it's happened there will be an event organized to sow 2 acres of seed on both sides of the creek from Milwaukee Street to East Wash.

Paint the Pavement

Joannah provided some great information on what it'll take to get a street mural on one of the roads in the neighborhood.

- Options offered were Clyde Gallagher - the bike path. Or North Marquette Street.
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- Costs are \$200 for application and admin to the City, plus, the cost of paint, which is expensive but hasn't been estimated yet.
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- Mia offered sponsorship from her business. We'll look to other local businesses and fundraising for the paint.
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- We'll need a plan for the street mural's upkeep.
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- If you want to be part of the team who organizes this, let us know.
- And if you're not sure what this is all about, there's [more information here](#).
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Gary Karch told us, after four years, he will step down as the Union Triangle [SASY](#) representative in April 2015. That means his position will be available for anyone who wishes to step in to that role. Not sure what the process is but we'll find out and let everyone know. If you're interested, let us know.

The next meeting will be next year. We'll let you know when exactly. Have a great holiday season and stay safe.

[Thanks for everything you've helped make happen this year.](#)

The Union Triangle community team

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