Neighbors Spruce Up UH Entrance

Forty very enthusiastic neighbors volunteered for the Clean UH Up Event on the June 4, 201 to weed and clean-up the University Heights entrance at Lincoln and Washington Street.   Thanks to the "eye caching" graphics by Paul Farris and the printed signs and T-shirts by Screen Machine, it was hard to miss the group who sported bright green t-shirts and signs that read "Clean UH UP VOLUNTEER" and "Drive Carefully, Volunteers at work" as individuals, couples and families spread out along the medians and roadside with trash bags, rakes and clippers in hand. There were many positive comments from volunteers thanking the committee for addressing this gateway area and offering to come out for future clean up events.

The clean-up project was an undertaking of the University Heights Community Association's Beautification Committee, with the leadership of its chair MaryBeth Chruden and the Clean UH UP project committee led by Scott Suckow. The committee had numerous meetings before the clean-up day to promote and coordinate logistics, and committee members Amy Waterman, Tommy Cope, Filly Gaines, Mark Koopman and Rhett Butler contributed significant time and expertise to make the event a success. We are grateful to our local establishments, Lestat's, Twiggs, Parkhouse Eatery, and Savory Deli, who generously contributed six gift certificates for a raffle for the volunteers. Raffle winners are Andrew Ferrier, Lisi Arana, Kiara Witt, April Tellez, Chris Jarvis and Jay Hill.

As the shirts were turned in after the event to be used at future clean-ups, it was clear that Dennis Gillaspy, shirt # 9, and Peter Pierce, shirt # 18, worked exceptionally hard to make the entrance more beautiful! The committee has already started planning for the next clean-up event and recognizes that it would not have been possible without those who showed up. The gateway looks fabulous!

To get more information about the Beautification Committee or the next clean-up, contact MaryBeth Chruden at mb552@aol.com.