

WUNA

The West Urbana Neighborhood Association (WUNA) is a grassroots, volunteer organization.

Our mission is to preserve the residential integrity of the neighborhood, while welcoming a diverse mix of residents to its lovely, quiet, tree-lined streets. WUNA seeks to maintain and enhance the neighborhood's friendly, attractive, and safe environment that is within walking distance of downtown Urbana, the University of Illinois campus, and excellent schools.



WUNA Beginnings

WUNA was created in the 1970s by a group of neighbors who wanted to preserve the residential integrity of the neighborhood. WUNA does not establish rules or regulations for the neighborhood; that is the task of the City of Urbana. Those living in West Urbana appreciate the founders and the continuing efforts of current residents to protect the streets, trees, parks, quiet spaces, and charming characteristics of West Urbana.

Email Lists for Residents

WUNA-Main: a lightly moderated discussion list that allows residents to share information, mainly about subjects related to the WUNA area.

WUNA Announce: a few messages a week are sent out that only cover City of Urbana press releases and news about the WUNA organization. These posts are included in the WUNA-Main List.

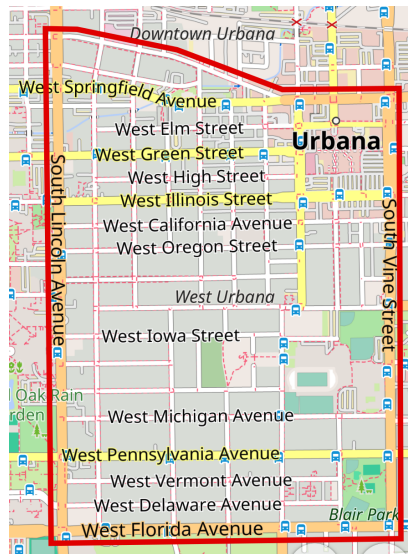
WUNA Town Square: This un-moderated group is for wide-open discussions and opinions.

If you live in WUNA, subscribe to one or more of the WUNA email lists by registering:



Boundaries

WUNA encompasses the area bordered by Lincoln Avenue, Vine Street, Main Street, and Florida Avenue.

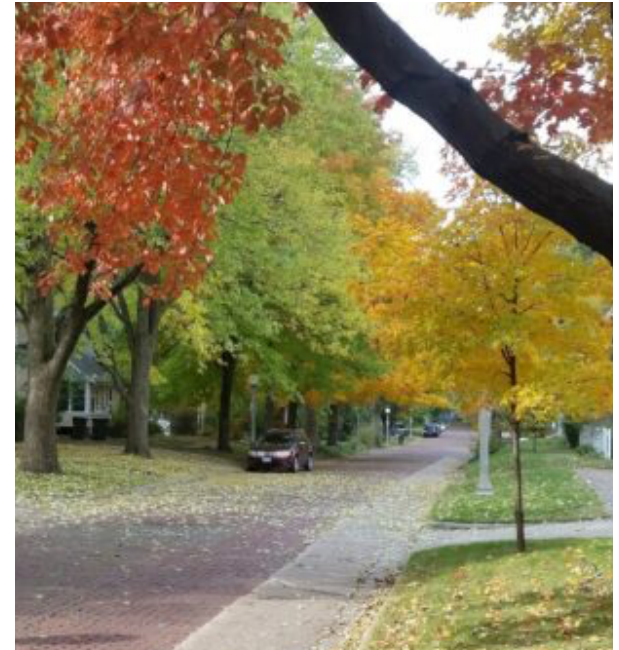


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Between the University of Illinois and downtown Urbana, West Urbana has maintained its unique neighborhood identity for more than a century. Many historic properties remain on the tree-lined streets. The neighborhood includes an elementary school, the Urbana Middle School, Urbana High School, and the Urbana Free Library, which has one of the highest usage rates in the nation. Our award-winning park district has three sites with playgrounds in the neighborhood -- Carle Park, with a historic pavilion and a Lorado Taft sculpture of Abraham Lincoln; Blair Park, with tennis courts, playground, and a walking loop; and the Phillips Recreation Center, offering classes and programs.

Our Urban Forest

Neighborhood trees are featured in the State Street Tree Guide. The grand old trees and healthy urban forest in WUNA helped the City of Urbana earn the unique designation as the first “Tree City USA” in Illinois.



Great Neighborhood



The American Planning Association designated West Urbana as one of 10 Great Neighborhoods in America in recognition of its sustainable design; commuters who walk, bike, or ride transit at higher-than-average rates; inviting neighborhood spaces; and community focus on enhancing quality of life.

Recycling

Urbana has a municipal recycling program, with weekly pickup. Recycling pickup is not coordinated with garbage pickup. Recycling bins may be placed curbside after 6 p.m. the night before pickup. *Recycling and trash containers must be removed from curbside and back near the building by 10 a.m. on the day after pickup.*

Go to the the Urbana Public Works Department website or facebook page for details about the current program. The City picks up yard waste (leaves and clippings) on specified dates in the spring and fall. For more information, call 217-384-2342.

Garbage

Garbage must be stored in closed containers. It may not include yard waste. The cans may be placed curbside after 6 p.m. the night before pickup. Cans must be removed by 10 a.m. on the day after pickup.

Urbana does not have municipal garbage collection. It is your or your landlord's responsibility to hire a private collector. Your hauler or landlord will tell you what day of the week your trash will be picked up. Garbage must be disposed of in a garbage container with a secured lid. Please do not overfill containers as this attracts rodents and can litter the area, especially on windy days. You cannot leave garbage in exposed plastic bags.

Occupancy

The Urbana Zoning Ordinance limits occupancy to no more than four unrelated persons per dwelling unit.

Parking

The city prohibits parking on the street in the West Urbana Neighborhood Residential Parking Zone between 3 a.m. and 3 p.m. without a permit. Apply for a permit from the City of Urbana Finance Department, 400 South Vine Street. Information at 217-384-2346. Parking is permitted only on an approved surface: a paved lot or driveway or, in some cases, a gravel driveway. *Please remember not to park across public sidewalks, which makes it difficult for people walking, using wheelchairs, pushing strollers, etc.*



Noise

Urbana noise ordinance regulates “loud and raucous noise.” At any time, day or night, you may express concern about noise levels by calling the non-emergency police number, 217-333-8911. For further information or follow-up, call 217-384-2346. First offenses generate warnings. After that, repeat events can generate fines of up to \$500.