

Matt-the-Cat Award

Matt-the-Cat is a local cat who got lost and brought together the neighborhood in the search to find him during the winter of 2016. The story of the search for Matt represents a neighborhood that cares, goes out of the way to help each other, and strives to make our place in St. Louis just a little bit better than it was before.

In that spirit, Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association would like to unveil the Matt-the-Cat Award. Any resident of Tower Grove Heights is eligible to receive this award as a result of being an upstanding neighbor.

Examples of upstanding behavior include:

- Interacting with neighbors
- Demonstrating kindness and consideration for others
- Going above and beyond to help a neighbor
- Creating or participating in formal community service in our neighborhood
- Resolving a conflict directly, with humility, grace and respect
- Creating or participating in a social opportunity to interact with neighbors
- Introducing yourself or welcomed someone to the neighborhood
- Preventing or otherwise addressing a crime in our neighborhood
- Developing or improving the neighborhood in some capacity

To nominate, [complete the form here](#).

All Matt-the-Cat Award nominations will be evaluated and approved by the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association board. Recipients will be photographed with Matt and will appear, along with their nomination statement on the Tower Grove Heights website (www.towergroveheights.com) under the Neighborhood Association tab and posted on the TGHNA notification list via MailChimp.

Recipients of the Matt-the-Cat Award will receive an orange stuffed animal cat representation of Matt. While taking care of Matt, award recipients are encouraged to:

- Take Matt out in the neighborhood
- Snap a photo of Matt engaging with neighborhood humans and businesses
- Post a photo(s) of Matt on the Tower Grove Heights Facebook community group*, Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association page** or on Twitter***
- Take care of him (i.e.: don't lose him!)
- Return Matt when requested to do so.

For more info on Matt-the-Cat, check out these resources:

<https://www.facebook.com/TG.Matt.The.Cat/>

<http://www.riverfronttimes.com/newsblog/2016/01/25/how-matt-the-cat-became-more-than-just-a-cat-and-brought-together-a-community>

<http://news.stpublicradio.org/post/where-s-matt-cat-tower-grove-resident-finds-community-connection-looking-lost-pet>

*Tower Grove Heights Facebook Community Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/380836771957085/>

**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Facebook Page:
<https://facebook.com/Tower-Grove-Heights-Neighborhood-Association-620537725054820/>

***Twitter:

@TowerGroveHts