

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, TGHNA would like to unveil the Matt the Cat Award. Any resident of Tower Grove Heights is eligible to receive Matt the Cat as a result of being an upstanding neighbor.

Examples of upstanding behavior include:

- Interact with neighbors
- Demonstrated kindness and consideration for others
- Went above and beyond to help a neighbor
- Created or participated in formal community service in our neighborhood
- Resolved a conflict directly, with humility, grace and respect
- Created or participated in a social opportunity to interact with neighbors
- Introduced yourself or welcomed someone to the neighborhood
- Prevented or otherwise addressed a crime in our neighborhood
- Developed or improved the neighborhood in some capacity

The Matt the Cat award will be bestowed three times a year, at the TGHNA meetings.

Recipients of the Matt the Cat award will receive an orange stuff 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 TGHNA Facebook page or with the TGHNA Twitter hashtag
- Take care of him (ie: don't lose him... *again!*)
- Return Matt to his home at the TGHNA meeting after his stay with you

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

For more information 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.stlpublicradio.org/post/where-s-matt-cat-tower-grove-resident-finds-community-connection-looking-lost-pet>

Website: <http://towergroveheights.com/>

Twitter: @TowerGroveHts

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/380836771957085/>