

Tower Grove Heights Gazette

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

1991 is quickly coming to a close and it is time to sit back and reflect on the accomplishments of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association. So often only the most obvious accomplishments are recognized, but there are so many small and behind-the-scenes projects that go unnoticed. So here is a list of the big and the small of 1991 in Tower Grove Heights:

1. General Meetings — Every other month the Association planned and held meetings to keep residents informed of activities in Tower Grove Heights and events in the St. Louis community that have an effect on all of us.

2. Gazette — Published 6 times a year, this high-quality publication is given to all residents and businesses. The Gazette also is sent to over 100 community leaders and city officials.

3. Members' Pot Lucks — This year the Association sponsored 2 pot lucks - in February and again in October. The pot lucks were wonderful social events that gave residents an opportunity to meet one another and a means by which the Association could say thanks to its members.

4. Tower Grove Park Clean-Up — Tower Grove Heights long has been supportive of Tower Grove Park and efforts to maintain this Victorian gem.

5. Tower Grove Park Flag Fund — Due to the efforts of Tower Grove Heights residents Pat and Ray Linebach, a drive was begun to raise money to replace the torn and tattered flag at Center Cross Drive in Tower Grove Park.

6. Operation Brightside — Once again Tower Grove Heights residents turned out

in force to clean up our alleys.

7. Fall Clean Up — The Neighborhood Association organized a second alley clean up so that we could get a jump on next year's Operation Brightside. Despite the cold weather, many residents came out to sweep, rake and pick up trash.

8. Summerfest — This year Tower Grove Heights participated with our yard sale and flea market that netted the Association \$861. This proved to be such a success that there are plans to do this again in 1992.

9. Cardinal Baseball Nights Out — Two nights out were held with many residents attending. Night out is a way to get together with friends and neighbors, have a good time and root for the baseball Cardinals.

10. Third District Police Appreciation Picnic — Although this event was rained out, Tower Grove Heights supported this effort and we salute our men

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FROM THE EDITOR

I turned 40 last month. It really wasn't such a big deal, but it seems like so many of my friends are older than I. Oh, chronologically we're the same age, but some of them are grandparents!

Jay and I feel like we are just beginning to settle down and get somewhat serious about life. We finally bit the bullet and bought a house in October. It's in the 3800 block of Juniata, and it's our first house. Structurally, it's pretty sound, but the remodeling that has been done is not to our taste, so we gutted the kitchen down to bricks, joists, and studs. I've managed to reach 40 without any gray hair despite everything Jay could do, but I have a feeling I'll be entirely white headed by this time next year!

Just how good renting was hit home our last week in the flat when the roof of the flat developed a bad leak. We just picked up the phone, called the landlords, and poof! The problem went away. No fuss, no muss.

But in the new house, roof leaks and plumbing problems are ours. There is no

magic phone number to call to make the problems go away.

Still, we love the house. There's no feeling like home ownership. It's a big responsibility, but we can paint the walls any color we want, or plant a tree in the yard and know we'll be there to see it grow.

Neighbors have been great. They drop by and offer suggestions, advice, and labor. There is a marvelous pool of knowledgeable, helpful people in our area who are great resources. They are quick to offer services and materials, or to bring food when they see our lights burning late at night and know we have no kitchen. One of the best bits of wisdom we've gleaned from these people is, "Take lots of before pictures and look at them when you're overwhelmed. See how far you've come, and keep your sense of humor."

That's very appropriate for this season. When I look back at all the neighborhood has accomplished this year, I'm pleased and proud to have been a part of it. Wyoming Street is showing great improve-

ment, and the Association is financially solvent for another year. We've put on a number of good events and have seen some good people move into our neighborhood. Trees have been planted on Utah Place, alleys are clean, dumpsters are in good order. And we've had fun doing it, too!

If you'd like to get in on the fun, look at the Calendar on the back page. Find a committee that interests you and go to the meetings. For a no-brainer good time, join us on February 27 to fold the Gazette. Watch for the neighborhood gatherings at The Black Thorn. And Association general meetings are a great place to meet your neighbors and the parents of the kids your kids are playing with. You don't have to be an Association member to come to the meetings, but \$6 for a year's membership won't break you, either.

So, from myself and the Gazette staff, have a holiday full of wonder and delight. May the New Year bring prosperity, health, and sound roofs to us all.

Elizabeth Braznell

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ON GRAND

In each issue of the Gazette, this column will include information about current events on Grand South Grand and a highlight of one of the businesses.

Check out the article on holiday shopping on Grand in this issue.

Eight years ago Repeat Performance opened on the Delmar Loop. After a five-year stay in that location, the owner, Evelyn Grady, decided it was time to make a move. In October, Repeat Performance moved to 3200 Grand (at Wyoming). The move was motivated by the eclectic atmosphere and sheer size of the business district. Also, a high level of neighborhood involvement was evident in the Grand South Grand area.

Saying that Repeat Performance is a place to rent formal wear for men and women as well as costumes is like calling a peacock "just another bird." Traditional formal wear is available, but so are vintage costumes and formal wear from the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's.

Evelyn finds most of her treasures from referrals of customers and friends. All of us know someone who has a special evening gown they have stored away for decades. These treasures are sought out, purchased, restored to their original dazzle, and make their second debut at Repeat Performance.

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The Garden will be closed on Christmas Day. All other days, regular admission to the Garden is \$2 for visitors aged 13-64, \$1 for adults 65 and older, and free for children 12 and younger. Garden members are admitted free. Admission is free to everyone Wednesdays and Saturdays until noon.

RESIDENT PROFILES



Five years ago, Dave Difani decided to take the kind of risk many often only think about. He was 26 years old, had five years of work experience as well as some money saved. And he had the special kind of desire for adventure that has spurred on the best entrepreneurs.

"I knew I didn't feel like spending the rest of my life behind a desk," Dave admitted. "When the opportunity came along to buy The Black Thorn, I thought the time was right to take a chance. I also knew that if the bar didn't work out, I always had my Industrial Engineering degree (SIUE) to fall back on," he added.

In 1986, Dave bought the building at Spring and Wyoming which houses The Black Thorn bar and the upstairs apartment that he and his wife Sally share. Dave's hard work and initiative have paid off—the bar has been even more of a success than he had originally anticipated. A good thing according to Sally. "I can't see him doing anything else—he loves it that much," she said.

The Difanis are both originally from Affton and although they did not meet each other until after Dave had bought the Black Thorn and Sally was in college, the two actually grew up in the same parish of St. Dominic Savio. Both of their families were parishioners of the church.

Before Sally and Dave got engaged, Sally was a full-time employee at A.G. Edwards. Fortunately, the company allowed her to reduce her hours to a part-time schedule of twenty hours a week so that she could work part-time at the bar. "I had never worked at a bar before," Sally said. "But she stepped right in and did beautifully," added Dave.

Both Sally and Dave feel a strong attachment to the Tower Grove Heights neighborhood and are especially appreciative of its old-fashioned sense of community. They feel the neighborhood is moving very forcefully in the right direction. "There's an awareness here, not just of the people for the neighborhood, but of the people for each other," said Dave. "It's an awareness that is reminiscent of an earlier time when everyone knew their neighbors."

Like many residents in Tower Grove Heights, the Difanis are busy not only with their work commitments, but also with the renovation of their property. Since the building needed major struc-

tural repairs, they have spent most of their money and energy over the last five years on structural and exterior improvements. With a substantial amount of the work now completed, they hope to begin work on the interior and on a new deck outside within the year.

Despite their limited free time, the Difanis have made being active in the Association a major priority. Dave served as Secretary for the Association for two years. The Difanis also have been generous enough to sponsor and host a variety of neighborhood functions.

In addition, Dave has played a major role in the organization of the City Symposium on Gang Related Crime, a special anti-crime event which took place on December 1. The event consisted of a special presentation by Dietrich Smith, a victim of a gang assault which led him to devote his life to researching gang violence.

For Dave, his involvement in the effort has been an especially rewarding one. "What I think is important for our residents to know is that this event, which got city-wide support and interest was the original brainchild of Becky Staup. Just another example of the kind of energy we should all feel proud of," he said.

The Symposium was intended to serve as a catalyst to establishing a viable

dialogue between neighborhoods in effectively preventing crime. Dave hopes that it will help set his own pet safety project in place. He hopes the neighborhood will soon have an active and effective mobile patrol.

With the kind of commitment and willingness to take risks that the Difanis have, it is hard to imagine their goals will not be achieved.

Anita Barker

JOINING TOGETHER FOR TOWER GROVE HEIGHTS

1992 is almost here. Once again it is time to renew your TGHNA membership. Block captains will be distributing membership kickoff flyers to you within the next few weeks. You may join simply by filling out the form and returning it to your block captain or mailing to TGHNA, or you may join at the general meeting in January.

Your membership supports the Association financially by providing funds for necessary expenditures, but it also shows you support those who volunteer countless hours of their time to neighborhood projects which benefit us all. If you are unable to join a committee or run for office, please consider showing your support by becoming a member of TGHNA. I look forward to serving the Association as Assistant Secretary in charge of membership.

Jodie Heliker



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The rich, invigorating smell of coffee will capture your senses as soon as you open the door of the Shenandoah Coffee Company. They have an almost unbelievable assortment of over forty coffees from which to choose. You can even get a mug to go with that special coffee. And if tea is more your style, you can make your selection from a wide variety of different herbal blends. Of course, when you buy coffee or tea you have to think about something to brew it in. Shenandoah Coffee carries an excellent array of coffee brewers, and their teapots run from the ordinary to pots that look like chickens, pigs and ducks! Rounding out the possible gift

ideas, the shop has unique ceramicware that will bring a splash of color to your dinner table and a smile to your guests. You will find this terrific little shop at 2300 S. Grand.

David's Design Salon at 2233 S. Grand can help you with a gift to pamper the one you love. Gift certificates are available for facials, manicures, a makeup lesson, and sculptured nails. There's an idea for a stocking stuffer! Both Shelton's at 3208 S. Grand and Salon St. Louis at 3167 S. Grand also offer gift certificates and a variety of hair care items.

South of Shelton's we come to two stores offering jewelry items. My-Le Jewelry store has a broad selection of bracelets, rings, and brass items for sale, and the Kim Chi Jewelry store offers 24, 18, and 14 Karat jewelry pieces. Anchoring the South end of the Grand merchants near Utah is Chin's Imports. At Chin's, you'll find a good deal of martial arts equipment and clothing, but may see some unusual gift items as well. Alice Liam, who manages the store, explains that they also have a number of other items including T shirts, books, fans, lanterns, slippers, kimonos, wall hangings and pictures.

For the outdoor/naturalist type on your list, head for the Missouri Botanical Garden gift shop. Located in the

Ridgway Center at 4344 Shaw, the shop carries gifts from children's toys to exotic plants and trees. They stock books covering most of the natural sciences, gardening and environmental topics. For those with a green thumb, you will want to browse through the virtual forest of trees and plants they have on display. Those come in sizes from the aptly named Mini-Violet to the not so tiny Norfolk Island Pine tree. As a novelty you may even want to buy a small Christmas tree cactus (they really do look like Christmas trees!). The shop has several types of hanging and standing birdfeeders, as well as the seed to fill them. They have beautiful crystalware and ceramicware, porcelain figures, and terra-cotta garden statuary and planters.

Botanicals on the Park is a feast for the eyes! This is a store for those with neo-traditionalist tastes. Along side the Victorian pieces, you will find something avant-garde, next to which is something Art Deco or modern. There is an enormous variety of truly unique and unusual Christmas ornaments, including some shaped like various animals, and some of beautifully crafted crystal. If you haven't managed to get cards out to everyone yet, Botanicals has some special holiday greetings that are sure to please. There are silk floral

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TENANT/BUYER REFERRAL

The Tenant/Buyer Referral program continues to help owners and renters in Tower Grove Heights. Landlords wanting to list their apartments/homes with the Tenant/Buyer Referral program can call Jean Iezzi at 772-4987. Pertinent information about the apartment/house (size, occupancy limit, rent, etc.) will then be made available to interested tenants. Connecting potential tenants with neighborhood landlords is a free service. Residents in Tower Grove Heights should tell their friends, relatives and co-workers about this free referral program. When someone is looking for a great place to live, the Tower Grove Heights Tenant/Buyer referral program is the best place to start.

Jean Iezzi

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

1991 ends with a total of 369 members. This is a significant increase of 84 members over the total in 1990. Thanks to the block captains and other members who encouraged friends and neighbors to join our organization. Almost every block showed an increase in membership. The top five blocks are as follows: 3800 Juniata...56. 3800 Connecticut...52. 3600-3700 Hartford...51. 3800 Hartford...33. 3800 & 36-3700 Utah Place tied with 28 each. Your support is much appreciated and we hope you join again in 1992.

A special thanks to the following list of Heritage & Renaissance members whose names have not previously appeared in the Gazette.

HERITAGE: Fredric Rissover, Elliott Blevins, Rich & Jean Iezzi, Steve Santino, Beverly Hacker, Shirley Stanfill, Joan Louis, Don Price, Denise Roesler-Cunningham & David Cunningham.

RENAISSANCE: Gayle Hackman, Lisa Appelbaum, Jack Hurov, Connie & Bryan Bender, James Lawrence, Tom Coriell, Michelle Schultz, Ferd E. Heller, Ruth & Georges Paddock, James H. Heine, and Steve Ohmer.

Pat Linebach

HOLIDAY IN THE HEIGHTS



Come join the fun this Sunday, December 15 from 2:30 to 8:00 pm as Tower Grove Heights becomes aflutter with activity during HOLIDAY IN THE HEIGHTS.

An interfaith concert at 2:30 pm at the First Divine Science Church, 3617 Wyoming, will include traditional holiday music, gospel music, instrumental renditions by a brass trio and inspirational music.

Hospitality houses open from 4:15 to 6:15. Twelve houses will be decorated in their best holiday finery and serving hot cider. The Hospitality House Tour will begin at 3802 Hartford.

Tickets for the concert and the House tour are \$5 and may be purchased at the concert. Children under 12 are admitted free.

From 4-6 pm, Santa and his elves will roam the streets visiting and distributing candy to neighborhood children. Be sure to keep a look out for his merry band!

Carolers will serenade the Heights between 4:15 and 6:15 pm. They will collect canned goods and other non-perishable items for the area needy. Be sure to turn on your porch light and put

out your luminaria so they will stop and share a tune with you.

At 6:30, all residents are invited to join the carolers and church choirs at the candlelight Big Sing on the corner of Connecticut and Spring. The Big Sing kicks off the neighborhood lighting competition, so come on out and share a few tunes with your neighbors!

The streets will be aglow from 7-8 pm during the neighborhood lighting competition and luminaria display. Area residents have donated some wonderful prizes for the competition including a box of steaks, a homemade cheesecake, a case of Busch, and much more! So let's light up those houses! All TGHN residents are eligible to participate in the competition and don't forget to put out your luminaries. Connecticut Street will represent Tower Grove Heights in a friendly lighting competition with Tower Grove Place in the Southwest neighborhood. The grand prize will be a \$25 gift certificate from The Resource. Holiday in the Heights promises to be chock full of all the things that make this time of year so very special. Happy Holidays!

Janice Nesser

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A haircut can be too much reality for anyone. At Salon St. Louis, Terry Harrison knows when a client doesn't really want short hair.

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St. Louis, March 1991



A MESSAGE FROM ALDERMAN GERALDINE OSBORN

The St. Louis Housing Authority, the members of which are appointed by Mayor Schoemehl, has recommended a "St. Louis Demonstration Program for the Vaughn Family Apartments and University House."

This plan provides for the demolition of 460 public housing units at the Vaughn Family Apartments and for the disposition of 201 public housing units at the University House.

You might wonder why I am devoting this column to a plan for the demolition and disposition of public housing units in North St. Louis. The answer is that Federal policy requires that public housing units that are demolished or disposed of must be replaced on a one-for-one basis by other housing units. The Housing Authority proposes to meet this requirement by constructing 220 new townhouses at the Vaughn site and using 441 Section 8 housing assistance certificates.

The Section 8 certificate program would allow the Housing Authority to enter into housing assistance payment (HAP) contracts with the owners of single-family and multi-family properties throughout the City. Fortunately, the Board of Aldermen has the authority to approve or disapprove the Housing Authority's proposal for an additional 441 units of Section 8 housing. However, if the Board of Aldermen did approve the Demonstration Program, as submitted to us, we would have lost all control over the selection of the properties used in the Section 8 program. The local manager of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in a letter to Alderman Aboussie, stated quite clearly that "Final decisions would have to be made by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority." I am reluctant to entrust the future of our neighborhood to the St. Louis Housing Authority.

Those of us who are deeply involved in neighborhood problems know how much damage can be done to a neighborhood by a single problem property, a single problem slumlord or a single problem tenant. The Housing Authority has done a notoriously bad job of managing its properties and I am reluctant to give that agency an even greater voice in the future of our neighborhood.

Geraldine (Gerry) Osborn
Board of Aldermen 622-3287
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MEMBERS MEET



Ben Chu conducted his final meeting as President of TGHNA on Nov. 17. New officers were elected and Susie Gudermuth moved from President Elect to serve as President for 1992. Other officers voted in were Becky Staup as President Elect, Michele Kerr as Secretary, Jodie Heliker as Assistant Secretary, and Jim Lynn for his third term as Treasurer. Robin Faszold was introduced as the new chairperson of the Fun & Fundraising Committee. Committee reports were given by Jean Iezzi, Diane Hurwitz, Jan Nesser, and Lenita Moore. Events such as banners, Realtors' Tour, and Holiday in the Heights were discussed. Details of these events are included elsewhere in this issue. Geraldine Osborn and Pat Dougherty both updated the group on current events at City Hall and in Jefferson City which affect our residents. Gloria Hoch spoke on the neighborhood patrol and an upcoming meeting at Grand Oak Hill on December 10. Officer

Shoemacher spoke of ways to achieve a safer neighborhood. The meeting was adjourned following a question and answer session. Over 50 residents attended the meeting, voted for officers, expressed concerns and opinions and took the opportunity to exchange ideas towards a common goal of making TGH an even better place to live.

Tricia Heliker

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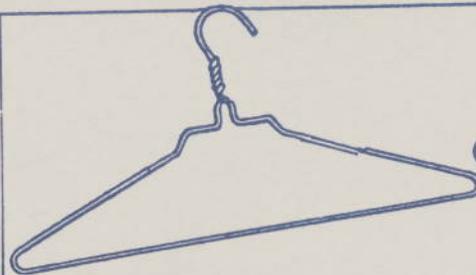
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The new Pedro's is packed with all my favorite gift suggestions: ecology books and magazines, attractive canvases and string bags,

Rainforest Crunch candy, recycled paper products INCLUDING Christmas wrap, natural cleaners for your home and YOU (try Tom's Natural Spearmint Toothpaste for some real refreshment), calendars and even some "green" clothing. Green clothing is made from cotton grown without chemicals and then processed without bleach. You can even buy buttons and bumper stickers for that special stocking.

For that friend that has everything, I have a timely gift idea. Buy a composter! As you know, a statewide law will take effect on January 1, 1992, that will prohibit the dumping of yard waste in landfills. You could make a compost bin out of chicken wire and wood, but check out the sleeker models that Pedro's Planet carries.

One model allows you to open one side for easier access to the compost. A second type, the Green Cone, is made

of 60% recycled plastic. It is smaller than the cage and is said to be animal and child resistant. It also can process all organic kitchen waste including meat, fish and dairy products-an unusual feature of a composter. Any composter ultimately will yield rich, fertile soil that can be used on your lawn or garden. Composters are gifts that keep on giving!

You can find composters at other stores, including the Missouri Botanical Garden. But only Pedro's Planet will give you 10% off if you bring this article with you when you make your purchase!!

If you decide to make your own composter, you still may want to give a book on the subject or some "activator" to help speed the composting process along. You can find these at Pedro's Planet or garden or book shops. Another nice addition might be the GIANT paper bags that Pedro's offers for gathering leaves and grass clippings.

A word of warning, though, about shopping at Pedro's. Be prepared to bring your own bag to stash purchases in, or buy one of their canvas bags. They do not give out shopping bags, which helps save some resources and landfill space. Great idea!

I hope this gives you some good eco-gift ideas. Have a very merry Christmas, and don't forget to mulch your trees!

Recyclin' Ruthie Schnurbusch

FUN & FUNDRAISING ON THE MOVE!

The Executive Committee of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce the election of Robin Faszold as chair of the Fun and Fundraising Committee. Robin brings lots of great ideas and energy to the committee. If you would like to serve on this committee, call Robin at 771-9162.





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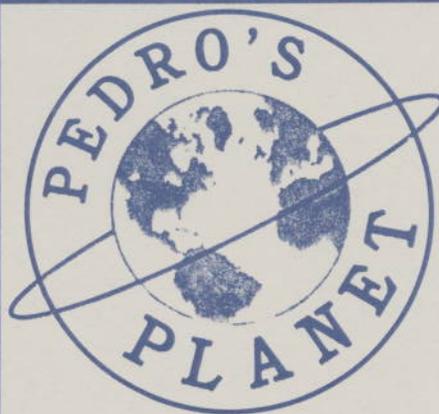
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REPORT FROM REP. PAT DOUGHERTY

On January 8, the 1992 legislative session convenes. Currently, a number of issues are being developed by both interim study committees and individuals. Some of the areas being studied by committees include children's programs, the state budget crisis, wetlands, workers compensation insurance, economically disadvantaged persons and malpractice insurance associations. These committees can present recommendations for legislation as early as December. Education will be a hot topic again particularly since the defeat of Proposition B. A major area of contention will be the "foundation formula" which is the money distributed among the 545 separate school districts to support elementary and secondary education throughout the state. With changing population patterns, the method of distributing money so that districts with fewer students than before do not lose large amounts of money will continue to be a tremendous sticking-point. The budget will probably get top priority. Continuing budget cuts during 1991, the recession, and a slow economy all combine to limit what can be addressed by state government. It makes funding existing, often under-funded programs difficult, let alone trying to expand these or look at new concerns and problems. As an example, the budget already has been slashed \$261 million and we are only five months into our current fiscal year. One of the areas needing much attention is that of access to affordable and universal health care for all Missourians. With over 650,000 Missourians unable to afford any insurance or who are under-insured, and with costs skyrocketing and business cutting back or not offering any insurance at all, we desperately need to re-work our system of health care. If you need to contact me on these or any other state measures, please feel free to call me at home — 772-1948.

Rep. Patrick Dougherty
District 67

SKIPPING SCHOOL COSTS PARENTS

Kids aged seven to sixteen must be in school according to City ordinance, and parents may be fined if their kids aren't. Truants picked up by police will be taken to the Truancy Center and their parents notified. If the parents don't pick up the child, the child remains at the Center until school hours are over. If the child is truant two or more times, parents will be issued a summons to appear in court, where they may be fined \$25 to \$100, depending on how many times their child was truant.

If you see children aged seven to sixteen who are not in school (make sure it's not a school vacation!), call police at 231-1212. Give the location of the kids and a description including clothing and approximate ages.

Additionally, loitering and curfew ordinances will be strictly enforced, according to Captain Everett Page of the Third District Police. The curfew ordinance prohibits children 17 and under from being out on the streets without their parents after 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and after midnight on Friday and Saturday nights.

To report curfew violations, call 231-1212 with a complete description and location.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

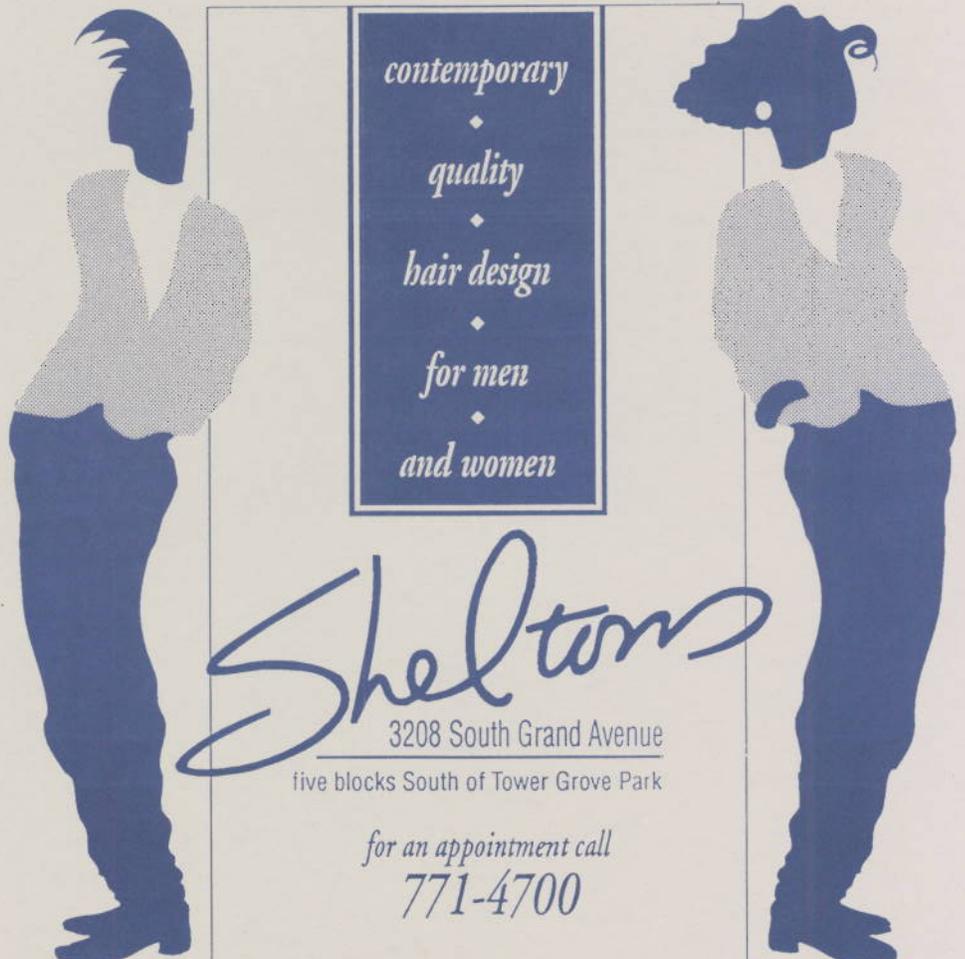
The new Safety Committee has already instituted some measures to help keep this holiday season a safe and happy one.

The City Symposium on Gang-Related Crime, featuring Dietrich Smith at Forest Park Community College on December 1, offered valuable information on this issue. Initiated by our Safety Committee, the symposium was supported by area businesses and other neighborhood associations and by the Third District Police.

To help keep crime from ruining your holiday, keep your front and back porch lights on all night long. Don't leave parcels and packages in the passenger compartment of your car.

In order to meet our goal of continued safety, we need the active and committed participation of all our neighbors. Our shared desire for a safe neighborhood is the key for making it happen. For more information on the Safety Committee, call David Difani at 776-0534.

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There are a multitude of food and clothing drop-off points in the Metro St. Louis area, but we've pared the list down to include only those relatively close to Tower Grove Heights.

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771-4800

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Five Church Association
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Toys:

KTVI - Channel 2 Toy Drive
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This program runs from November 23rd through December 22nd. Collection bins are located in all St. Louis area Walmart and Walgreen Stores.

Mike Johnson

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

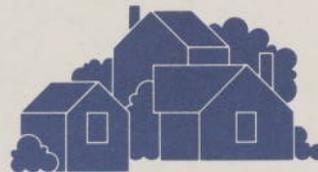
We would like to welcome recent newcomers to the neighborhood. Please take the time to introduce yourself and your family to Glenna Powell and Jaceline Mercer at 3852 Wyoming, Brian Stefanick at 3649 Humphrey, Amy and Ken Mihill at 3821A Utah, Clare and Randall Sercombe at 3877 Utah, George and Cheryl Mackfey at 3620 Utah, Judy Kreitner at 3645 Utah and her children: Jocelyn 14, Daniel 12, Keven 12, and Brian 7.

If you have recently moved to Tower Grove Heights or have not yet received your welcome bag, please call me Margie Meyer, at 776-8388. If my recorder answers, be sure to leave your name, phone number, and address.

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and women in blue.

11. Banners — We doff our hats to Janice Nesser and Tricia Heliker for their diligence with the banners. Much time and effort was put into this project.

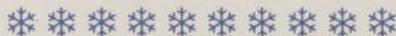
12. Holiday in the Heights — This year's event will be bigger and better than 1990's. Thanks to the Holiday in the Heights committee for their wonderful work.

13. Realtor's House Tour — In May the Promotion and Marketing Committee arranged and hosted a realtors' house tour. 13 area realtors visited some of our single and two-family homes. The realtors were exposed to the values of City living and to the quality of our housing stock.

14. Two-Family House Tour — In October Tower Grove Heights was involved in a two-family house tour with Shaw, Tower Grove, East and Fox Park. This effort showed prospective buyers that owner-occupied two-family flats are very sound investments. Tower Grove Heights outdid our neighbors with the highest attendance. Thanks to Jean Iezzi for talking up Tower Grove Heights.

15. National Night Out — In August Tower Grove Heights' residents turned out and turned on their porch lights. Nearly every block had some form of event. A special thanks goes to the Third District police and the Fire Department for visiting Tower Grove Heights during National Night Out.

16. Concerts in the Park — Tower Grove Heights ran the concession stand during the August Concert in the Park.



THUMBS UP

Holiday in the Heights will be a very special happening for Tower Grove Heights this year thank to two of the Grand South Grand businesses. Savings of America and Commerce Bank have each donated \$300 to sponsor the event. The neighborhood appreciates this support from our good friends on Grand. It is a great incentive to the many volunteers who have put this project together and to the families who have so generously agreed to open their homes for the tour. December 15 is the date to see Tower Grove Heights decked out for the Holidays. Be sure to bring your friends from outside the neighborhood.

The Thumb

Food items were contributed by Commerce Bank and City Properties with proceeds from the sales donated to the organization manning the stand. This worthwhile day brought \$177 into our coffers.

17. Old Fashioned Fourth — The Neighborhood Association sold bratwurst in Tower Grove Park and made \$640.

18. T-Shirts — The long sought after Tower Grove Heights T-shirt is back!

19. Wyoming Street Project — Tower Grove Heights concentrated its efforts in an attempt to help concerned Wyoming Street residents take back their street.

20. Block Parties/Progressive Dinners — Many blocks hosted block parties/progressive dinners. These are excellent ways to get to know your neighbors.

21. Crime Symposium — This event was made possible through the hard work of concerned residents of Tower Grove Heights and proves that we are leaders in the St. Louis community.

22. Public Hearings — The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association continues to represent the Neighborhood by attending public hearings and speaking out against problem properties.

23. Police Community Relations Meetings — These meetings are held the second Thursday of every month

and are attended by members of the Executive Committee who voice the concerns of the neighborhood to the police. On January 9, Tower Grove Heights will be hosting the Police Community Relations Meeting.

24. New Neighbor Welcome at Black Thorn — The Block Captain Committee organized a party so new residents could meet their neighbors.

25. MarketFare — This is a delicious way for Tower Grove Heights to make some money.

26. Neighborhood Phone Book — A listing, by street, of residents. This is a good opportunity to know your neighbors and also to be able to contact someone in case of an emergency.

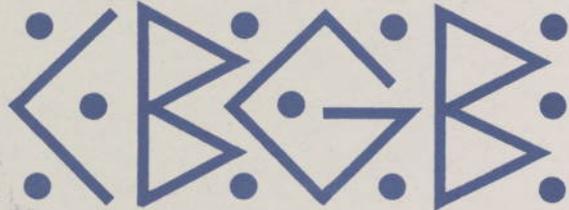
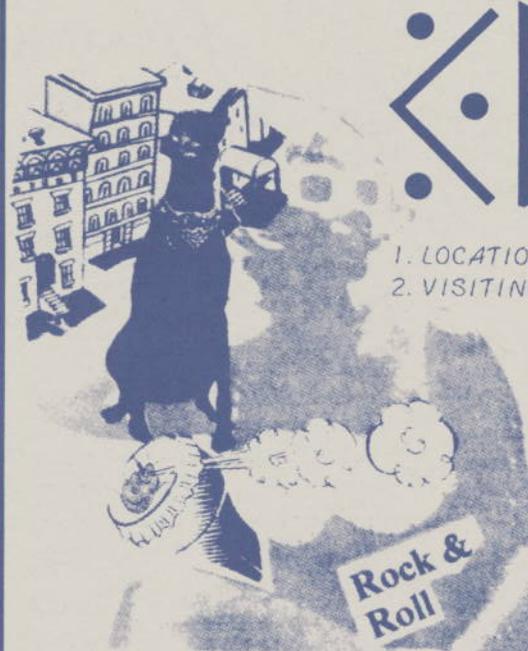
27. Mobile Patrol — Tower Grove Heights is actively working with Grand-Oakhill and Parkside South to form a mobile patrol that will patrol the entire Tower Grove South Neighborhood.

This is just a short list of the many accomplishments of the Neighborhood Association. The list could go on and on. It's been a productive year that would not have been possible without the many volunteers who have given so much of themselves. I hope that the level of involvement will continue in 1992. Remember, a neighborhood is only as strong as its volunteers. You make Tower Grove Heights a reality.

Benjamin N. Chu

Past President

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LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENED

THE HARTFORD ARMS RISES AGAIN



Recently the TowerGroveSouth Housing Board displayed a sign on the property on the west side of Spring between Hartford andJuniata. 3151-61 Spring, affectionately known as the "Hartford Arms," was purchased by the Housing Board in late 1990. Like so many other buildings in the City, this was once a beautiful structure that provided the neighborhood with small stores on the

first level and living space on the second. When the Housing Board purchased the building, it was a world of dropped ceiling and 5 rental units in dismal condition. Irresponsible and inconsiderate tenants kept the place jumping 24 hours a day.

So what is the Housing Board and why would they buy a dump like this? Actually, this is just the type of dump the

Housing Boardwas created to buy. The TowerGrove South Housing Board covers the entire 15th ward and was formed in 1988 for the purpose of gaining control of troublesome, unmarketable properties. Funded by federal, money this and 12 other boards throughout the City work in several ways to improve neighborhoods. By working closely with aldermen, ConServ offices and neighborhood groups, the housing boards focus on nightmare building which would otherwise lower property values.

Briefly, the housing boards work like this: First, a priority list of problem properties is made using computerized City files about foreclosure, back taxes, and condemnation situations, and also by driving streets and bouncing through every alley to locate problem buildings. Thus each property is scrutinized for ways to improve it.

Our area is blessed with an excellent ConServ officer, Patty Boyer, who somehow figures out the right buttons to push to get action. Methods range from friendly chats with property owners to recommending condemnation and everything in between. Purchasing the property is the last resort. While redevelopment is the ultimate goal, gaining control of the problem is the immediate concern. Buildings like the Hartford Arms have to be improved for neighborhoods to attract quality owners. Although this property has been vacant for over a year, no one is complaining as the building sleeps.

Now, as the recently planted sign suggests, the Housing Board will be looking for buyers as the existing structure is converted into three townhouses. Each townhouse will contain over 2400 square feet and will feature the best of both worlds —beautiful turn of-the-century architecture and 1990's style and comfort. A "menu" approach can make additional features available to include almost any imaginable option making your home truly "you." a myriad of financing plans are available.

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Rich Iezzi



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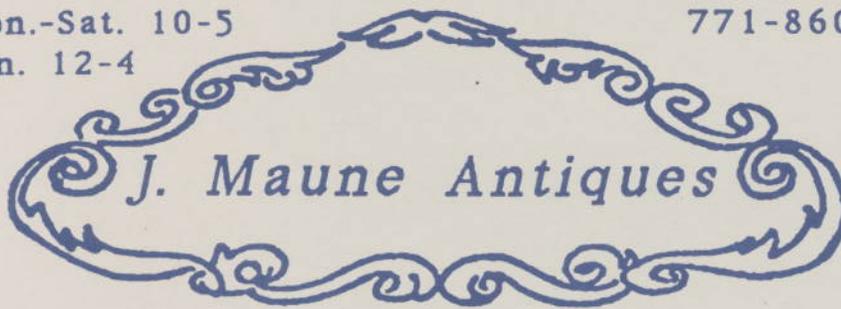
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COFFEE BREAK...

Closing time at the U-Haul



We have an excellent column in the Gazette called "The Renovator." Steve Telford has been writing this column, which has drawn attention all over the City. Steve is retiring from the Gazette and is passing the torch on to Rich Iezzi. Rich and his wife, Jean, are avid rehabbers with a strong commitment to Tower Grove Heights. I'm sure you will find Rich's articles helpful and informative. Look for him in the February Gazette.

The rest of this article has no point. It's just for fun. So if you're in a hurry, or read only for news, skip this and go to another article. Otherwise, grab a cup of coffee and put your feet up.

Speaking of rehabbing, my husband, Jay, and I are at the beginning of rehabbing our new house on Juniata.

You may have noticed the clouds of plaster dust near Spring and Juniata. The first project we've taken on is the kitchen, which we gleefully gutted to bricks, joists, and studs. Destruction is so much fun, and so easy! We have a sizeable pile of rubble in our garage, to be hauled away and disposed of responsibly.

Weird things happen when you're rehabbing. First, you don't care what you look like when you go out in public. I regularly go to the hardware and grocery stores in paint-streaked sweat pants and army jacket with a bandanna covering my hair, paint speckles on my glasses. Who has time to change when you're desperate for some drywall screws? While we were cramming down dinner at a fast-food restaurant one

evening, a woman seated at the table next to us turned up her nose and made pointed remarks to her dinner companion about not wearing stained pants in public. I thought it was tacky of her to display such bad manners in public, so her effort was lost on me.

But the strangest thing happened at the U-Haul place. We rented a truck and returned it just before closing. There I was in my filthy sweat pants, plaster-dust covered tee shirt and bandanna. My fingernails were broken and dirty, I had no make-up on, but hey! I was at the U-Haul at closing, so who cares, right? Well, some guy came on to me there! Followed me around making what he thought was witty conversation in a low, suggestive voice. What is this, a country-western song? Go to the U-Haul at closing to pick up women? Dusty, dirty, 40-year-old women at that! Jay thinks it's funny. He gets great mileage at gatherings telling about the dude that tried to pick up his wife at closing time at the U-Haul.

Another weird thing is the stuff you get when you're a new homeowner. A lady came by and gave us an address book. It smells of vinyl, like a new shower curtain, and has advertisements already printed on the pages, but I like getting free stuff, even if I can't use it. Someone else brought us a lot of coupons. I love coupons, and will buy stuff I don't need if I have a coupon for it.

I'm sure that a lot of you, if you got this far in this article, are wondering where I'm going with it. I don't know. But if you think you can write better, come to the next Gazette meeting, which is Sunday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Perrone's Restaurant (Spring between Fairview and McDonald). Join us for some good food and find out what goes on behind the scenes at the Gazette.

In the February issue, we'll enclose a survey for you to complete. We're interested in finding out if you read the Gazette, what you like about it, what you don't like, and if it provides the information you want.

Meantime, those of you with comments or suggestions can write a letter to the editor (me) and send it to TGH Gazette, P.O. Box 63046, St. Louis, MO 63163. Include your name, address, and day-time telephone number. I'd love to hear from you.

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SIDNEY AND THE CITY SETTLE



A settlement agreement has been reached between Sidney and Maxine Jacks, owners of the building at 3800-3804 Wyoming (corner of Spring) and the Division of Building and Inspection of the City of St. Louis. This building has long been of concern to the neighborhood.

On September 4, the Wyoming side of the building was condemned based on inspections by the Housing Conservation section of the Building Division. There were tenants in 3800A, and they were allowed to remain pending appeal of the order. At a hearing on October 29 before the Condemnation Committee of the Board of Appeals, Mr. Jacks stated, under oath, that the apartment at 3804A was unoccupied. Inspection immediately following the hearing disclosed that the apartment was indeed occupied. The tenant said that Mr. Jacks had not informed her that the building was condemned, and she produced a rent and deposit receipt signed by Mr. Jacks and dated October 25.

Since then, Mr. Jacks has refunded the utilities deposits paid by that tenant and relocated occupants of both apartments. The building is currently empty, and must remain so under the terms of the agreement until occupancy permits and Certificates of Inspection are issued for the respective units.

Further, the agreement states that Mr. Jacks, before obtaining Certificates of Inspection and occupancy permits, will meet certain requirements, and must obtain permits for plumbing, electrical, structural, and air pollution work. The work will be inspected by the City.

If the units are reoccupied before occupancy permits and Certificates of

MARKET FARE

This month we had fifteen resident orders and the Tower Grove Heights Association made over \$90.

Market Fare order forms will be available at the January general meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to order, please call me, Margie Meyer, at 776-8388.

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Margie Meyer

Inspection are issued, this agreement allows the City to perform an emergency condemnation and ask the Circuit Court for an injunction against the owner.

Because the October 29th hearing ran long, it was continued to November 19. When neighborhood residents assembled at City Hall for the continuance, area Operation ConServ Officer Patty Boyer revealed that the agreement had been reached. David Bohm, Associate City Counselor and architect of the document, explained that this settlement would ensure that the owner could not appeal to the Circuit Court, thus initiating a lengthy court battle. Ms. Boyer stated, "We are all very committed to this agreement. We will enforce it, and we have to depend on the residents to help us."

Alderman Geraldine Osborn said, "This is a good beginning. I feel good

about this agreement." She went on to say, "The residents of this area have been very diligent in pursuing this matter, but we cannot allow other units on this street to deteriorate." She urged all Tower Grove Heights residents to keep on with the good work on 3800 Wyoming.

While it has taken several years to bring Mr. Jacks to the point of signing the agreement, the cooperation between City officials and Tower Grove Heights residents has yielded results. Patty Boyer and Geraldine Osborn are to be commended for their perseverance, and City inspector Margaret Bradford has been dedicated in her pursuit of the matter. Our thanks to them and to all

City officials and neighborhood residents who worked together to help Tower Grove Heights maintain the standards for which it is known.

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Let's get practical for a minute. How often have you been finishing up that last package wrapping job only to find that you're out of tape or some other necessity? If it does happen this December, Paramount Drugs at Grand and Arsenal carries a variety of packaging and small gift items.

For the health conscious, New Dawn Natural Foods at 3145 S. Grand has all kinds of natural foods, books on nutrition and fitness and a large selection of herbal teas. And they still carry Kiss My Face skin care products!

Star Video at 3143 S. Grand is the place to go for new and used video gifts. Gift certificates in \$5 and \$10 denominations are available and can arrangements, lovely vases and lace-covered pillows, and the whole scene is looked over by terra-cotta cherubim in all manner of sizes and poses. For the craft minded, there are curio boxes with embroidered lids, and holiday wreaths of artificial and natural materials that will last for many Christmas's.

be used for movie rentals or purchases.

For food gifts with an international flavor, we recommend that you stop by Jay Asian International Foods at 3182 S. Grand. They carry items from the Far East, Near East, Middle East and Africa, as well as other distant locales. For those of you who want to stick with the Middle Eastern foods, stop by Middle Eastern Market at 3201 S. Grand. They have meat pies, cheese and thyme pies, spinach pies, and a delicious assortment of Arabic pastries.

Faru, 3111 S. Grand is a great place to find one-of-a-kind handcrafted gifts. They have a ceramic potted cactus with lighted limbs. For a REALLY different holiday decorating idea, check out the red pepper-shaped lights. Unique silver and stone jewelry make the perfect accessory gift to go along with a handwoven sweater or a vest or scarf. Faru also has one gift item we have to mention for that 'hard to buy for' person...a hand carved tribal blow gun!

Teresa Davis, Manager of Futon

Expres, explains that they offer a number of Christmas specials, one of which is a cot-sized futon, which will "sit, sleep, and lounge." This is smaller than a twin size bed, so "it's perfect to put into a child's room, so if they have overnight guests, they'll have a place for their little friend to sleep." "We'll get extra accessories in too... clocks, lamps and that type of thing," Davis said. She also added, "we'll still run sales on futons during the whole month, ... it's a big season for us."

Comp Soft, the new computer store in our area, also will offer specials for the holidays. Heather Johnson, who coordinates things there, said to watch for TV advertisements for specifics.

Becker's Delicatessen, 3183 S. Grand can best be described in one word...German. The stock of German beer and wine is extensive and one (or more) are bound to please the connoisseur of potables on your list. Becker's carries a large selection of Delft china and handmade German dolls. The collection of beer steins is impressive and includes a couple that are over two feet tall. The shop also has a fine variety of imported cookies and candies including marzipan pigs and chimney sweeps—traditional New Year's good luck charms.

Christmas shopping can really build an appetite and that brings us to a special South St. Louis gift idea. White Castle at Grand and Gravois offers gift certificates in \$5 booklets. While we're thinking of food, let's not forget that you can get gift certificates from Domino's Pizza, 3107 S. Grand, in \$5 increments.

Dickman's Blvd. Bakery at 3139 S. Grand carries a great variety of holiday delicacies which would make thoughtful hostess gifts. Yule log cakes, decorated cookies, old fashioned German sprinkle cookies, and ginger bread houses are just a few of the many different items you will find.

Streetside Records at Grand and Arsenal is the place to go for that special gift of music; so appropriate at this time of year.

Every year we promise ourselves that we won't wait until the last minute to finish up our holiday shopping, and every year we find ourselves running around on the day before Christmas trying to finish up our gift buying. It's a good thing we have so many great shops so close to Tower Grove Heights! Happy Shopping!

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AIM FOR GOOD HEALTH

As we enter this holiday season our thoughts turn to festivities and of course food! With these temptations ahead I thought I would devote this month's column to some hints for a healthy guilt-free season. After all, no one really needs to have to use their New Year's resolutions to undo the damage done to their body in the last month of the year. So let's party, but keep the following points in mind to avoid holiday weight gain:

* Is your party within the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood? I'm sure some will be. If so, start your celebrating with a brisk walk to your neighbor's house. Not only will you burn a few calories and spare the environment a few hydrocarbons, but activity increases appetite which will allow you to save some of that will-power for times when you may need it more.

* This next one works well! Eat something before you go to the party.

This will also help curb your appetite. A glass or two of water before you go also will help you keep your mind off of food while at the party.

* It's time to eat! Go ahead, but eat smart. Select low fat options; e.g., fresh vegetables, fruits and rolls, seafood and meats if they are lean. Sample a little of each, but keep your portions small.

* Avoid temptations! Once you have visited the buffet table, stay out of the room where the food is located, or at least away from the table.

* Remember that what you drink may cost you more calories than what you eat. All alcoholic beverages are high in calories. Switch to diet soda or sparkling water instead.

* Focus on socializing with friends. Enjoy food as part of the festivities, not the main event.

And most importantly, don't let your holiday schedule interfere with your

usual healthy life-style activities. You can always find time for exercise, if it's only a few minutes set aside for a brisk walk. Physical activity reduces stress and helps keep the pounds off.

If you would like to learn more about healthy eating year round, or if you would like to give a gift of goodness and good health, consider these great gift ideas for yourself or a friend.

"Eating Well: The Magazine of Food and Health," pick one up at your newsstand or call toll-free to subscribe at a special gift rate of \$12.97/year, 1-800-344-3350.

Or try one of Jane Brody's books at local booksellers. Either JANE BRODY'S GOOD FOOD COOK BOOK, or JANE BRODY'S GOOD FOODGOURMET.

Both are available in paper.

Special thanks to Joyce Bateman RD and Catherine Quin RD for their contributions to this month's "Aim."

Best wishes for a happy healthy holiday.

David Wagner

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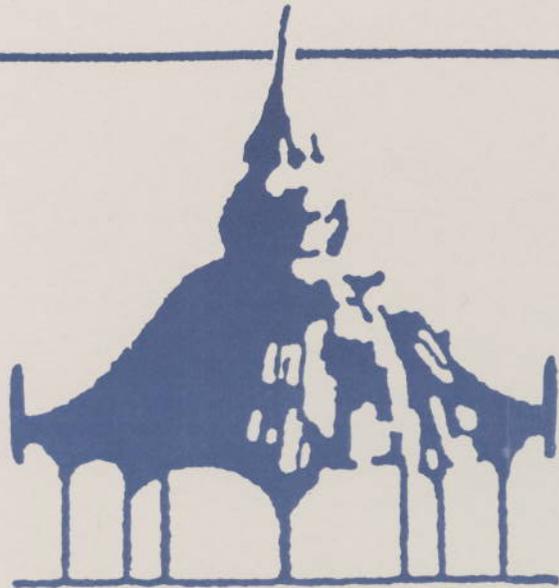
Holidays have their special stresses ...

- * Company - Too much/unwanted?
- * Lonely - No family/friends?
- * Broken Family/child visitations?
- * Not enough money?
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CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1991

December 15

Holiday in the Heights, 2:30-8 p.m.
 Celebrate with your neighborhood:
 caroling, luminaria, mini house tour,
 Santa and elves, interfaith concert, and
 lighting competition.

December 25

Merry Christmas!

December 28

Kwanzaa Celebration, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
 Missouri Botanical Garden. This tradi-
 tional African celebration offers
 storytelling, singing, dancing, and
 cooking demonstrations.



3800 WYOMING UPDATE

Thanks to the PPPP's (People Participating in the Porchlight Program)! Our block has taken on an added ambience of warmth, charm and security in the glow of our porch lights. Thanks again!

The owners' meeting held October 15 in the American Legion post was a good start in better organizing our block. Presentations of neighborhood and property concerns were well received.

The telephone call list for problem reporting has been expanded and will be distributed soon. Landlords of problem properties are being called.

Kudos to the American Legion for allowing us to use their hall for our meeting! Speaking of the Legion, these good neighbors soon will be putting in new windows and doors, tuckpointing, and installing siding. What a great asset to our block and our neighborhood!

Jim & Laura Stadelman

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JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1992

January 5

Gazette staff meeting, 6:30 p.m.,
 Perrone's Restaurant, 3401 Spring. All
 are welcome!

January 6

Southside YMCA Winter Session I
 begins.

January 18-February 16

Annual orchid show, Orthwein Floral
 Hall at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

January 27

Carpenter Branch Library Book Dis-
 cussion Group, 7 p.m. The Fifty Child
 by Doris Lessing.

February 27

Gazette folding party, 7 p.m., 3830
 Connecticut. Come have a good time
 helping us fold our newsletter!

A BANNER DAY IN THE HEIGHTS

They're up and waving—our beautiful Tower Grove Heights banners! Designed by our own Tim Barker, they were installed early this month.

It's been a long process to get them up. After we received funding by CitiCorp through their City Renaissance program, a competition was held among area graphic artists. Several excellent designs were submitted, without names, for the Executive Committee to judge.

Janice Nesser, Tricia Heliker, and Jodie Heliker worked hard on the Banner Committee, and the results of their efforts now proudly greet residents and visitors alike to Tower Grove Heights. Janice wrote the successful grant proposal to CitiCorp, and all three contacted graphic artists, reviewed designs, and worked with Williams to produce the finished product.

Thanks to Jodie, Tricia, Janice, and all artists who submitted designs, and congratulations to Tim!