

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
July 22, 2014 Convened: 7:15pm Adjourned: 8:05 pm 45 attendees

Mike Newsham, TGHNA President updated us on several topics:

- *Carjacking:* The suspects in the carjacking in the 3700 block of Juniata have been apprehended. A hearing for a Neighborhood Order of Protection is scheduled for this coming Monday, July 28th, 2014. Mike circulated a Neighborhood Impact Statement for attendees to sign. The statement describes how such crimes negatively impact our neighborhood and it will be given to the presiding judge. As a neighborhood resident you are encouraged to attend the hearing. For more information click here: [...\\.\Court Hearing Information- Jackson 7-28-14 \(2\).docx](#)
- *Street signs:* Mike announced that the Tower Grove Heights street signs have been installed. They were paid for solely with donations from residents of the neighborhood. The overwhelming majority of comments have been favorable, but Mike also welcomes any constructive criticism. E-mail him at president@towergroveheights.com.
- *Stoop nights:* All are encouraged to spend some time on your porches or to stroll through the neighborhood every Thursday night this summer and fall. A beer wagon will be rolling through the neighborhood with beer (#wheresthewagon.) You're encouraged to take a beer or contribute one. A great way to meet your neighbors!
- *Fall block parties:* TGHNA will arrange with the Street Department to have your block barricaded if you wish to have a block party this fall, and we will pay the \$20 fee to have it done. Your request for a block barricade should be submitted to president@towergroveheights.com by August 15th.
- *National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs:* Another chance to get out and meet your neighbors on Tuesday evening, August 5th. This serves as a reminder that the most effective means of fighting crime in your neighborhood are knowing and sharing information with your neighbors. Also, don't forget that this is Election Day. Get out to the polls!
- *Autumn Fest in the Heights* is scheduled for Saturday October 11th from 5:00pm until whenever. Information and registration will be available on our website www.towergroveheights.com and at 3801 N. Utah starting in September. Lots of fun and open not just to residents, but to anyone who'd like to meet people in the neighborhood!
- *Heights Nights:* The next Heights Nights will be at Tower Grove Creamery on Tuesday, August 12th, 6-8pm. Don't miss this chance to meet new people and support a local business. As always, children are welcome.
- *The TGHNA Annual Financial Audit* took place and all expenditures and income have been accounted for. Many thanks to our treasurer Rick Stein for his complete financial records.
- *Brightside Blooming Soon Sale:* is already underway. Order your bulbs to plant this fall for a blooming spring, and support Brightside St. Louis at the same time. www.brightsidestl.org/donate/online-store/
- *TGHNA nominations* are currently being accepted for the positions of President Elect and Secretary. The nominations will be formally presented at the October general meeting, and all paid members of the association will vote for the candidates of choice at the November meeting.

Rachel Witt, Executive Director of South Grand Community Improvement District reminded us of the following:

- *Movie Nights:* During the summer and early fall, free movies are shown in the public parking lot behind Commerce Bank the 3rd Friday of the month. The next movie is Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Part 2 on August 15th.
- *New businesses:* Jimmy Johns is now open at 3117 South Grand and owner Matt Hiley was on hand with delicious sample sandwiches. Stop by to check out the great remodeling. Rooster restaurant is scheduled to open in September.
- *International Dine Around:* is scheduled for September 18th, and will feature foods from all the South Grand restaurants. A great way to sample the diversity of foods on South Grand.
- *Fall Festival:* South Grand will be sponsoring a festival on September 20th which will feature music, crafts, food, and other entertainment from 10:00am to 10:00pm. TGHNA has been given a booth in Ritz Park, the pocket park which is currently under construction but which will be finished before the festival. Rachel is asking for 10 volunteers from our neighborhood to work 2 hour shifts during the festival. Volunteers will receive a free Ask Me about My Neighborhood T-shirt. Please [click here to volunteer online](#).

For information about any of these events go to www.southgrand.org and click on Events.

Jennifer Florida, our 15th Ward alderman for the last thirteen years, was asked by the Mayor to resign her position and to become Recorder of Deeds for the City of Saint Louis. A petition is circulating to gather the 3,000 signatures necessary to get her on the November ballot for this position. In her absence, neighborhood questions and concerns can be directed to Steven Gregali, Special Assistant to the Mayor at smgregali@gmail.com. The 15th Ward Alderman position will be on a special election ballot in October, and the elected alderman will run again in March of 2015. As a friend to our neighborhood and a great alderman, Jennifer will be sorely missed.