

Tower Grove Heights Gazette

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1st ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association will be held at the annual election meeting on November 19, 1989 at 7pm at Stupp Memorial in Tower Grove Park. Voting will take place by ballot.

The nominating committee, formed in July, recently completed the task of seeking qualified candidates for the elected positions. The nominations committee, along with the Board of Directors of the TGHNA, decided that one candidate for each position would be chosen by the nominating committee to appear on the ballot. This ballot will be distributed to all members of the TGHNA at the November 19th annual election meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on this date. Those nominated from the floor must be present at the meeting and must have been members of the TGHNA for at least one year.

The following is the list of nominees

submitted by the nominations committee as they will appear on the ballot.

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DON HARDIN

President-elect:

BENJAMIN CHU

Treasurer:

JAMES LYNN

Secretary:

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All TGHNA members should have received an announcement of these candidates from your block captains. Please contact Keely Cook (776-6800) if you did not receive this announcement. The candidates were formally introduced at the October 22nd general meeting and were available to answer questions.

It cannot be stressed enough how important it is for all TGHNA

members to attend the annual election meeting on November 19. It is your vote that will determine who is to represent our neighborhood. To participate in these elections, you must have been a member of the TGHNA for a minimum of 60 days prior to the annual election meeting. Thus, anyone who has paid their annual membership dues by September 19 is eligible to vote. You will be required to show your membership card prior to receiving a ballot, so be sure to bring it with you. If you have not yet received one or have misplaced it, please contact Cindy Lazzari (771-0343). For those of you who will be unable to attend the election meeting but would still like to vote, please contact your block captains who can arrange for your vote to be submitted by proxy.

We look forward to seeing you at the election!

-Keely Cook

FROM THE EDITORS

Now that summer is officially past, it's time to look ahead to the approaching holidays, and for a lot of people, Halloween seems to signal the start of the holiday season. In this issue of the Gazette, Judy and Mike Johnson remind us of some ways to keep the kids safe when they're out trick-or-treating; and David Wagner provides some Halloween alternatives. You'll be reading another bit of historical interest about the Historic Heights, with our regular column from Kathryn Kilker. Don Hardin gives us a close-up view of Beckers' Delicatessen in our "On Grand" column; and also profiles area resident, Roger Oyster, a trombonist with the St. Louis Symphony.

Now that seasons have changed, it's time to bring in outside plants and get ready for colder temperatures. In our Horticultural Corner, the Gazette's resident expert, Benjamin Chu, has some helpful advice on the do's and don't's of bulb planting.

For those of you with an artistic bent or just a healthy interest, we feature a look at an exhibit planned to showcase area artists working in a number of artforms.

Mike Kriz explains the Heritage Commission: what it is and how it affects TGHNA residents; and we get a rundown on the happenings at the police appreciation picnic in Tower Grove Park.

For those of you who are members of

the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association, and for those of you who are interested in becoming members; this November brings the first election of officers since the organization began. Keely Cook takes a look at who's running and what they're running for.

We'd like to once again remind you that the Gazette is interested in your ideas and comments, about either the Gazette or the neighborhood association. We want to know what you think.

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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. Twelve years ago Rita Nikolai assumed ownership of Becker's German Imports. She decided to keep the original name, because the business had been in existence for 33 years at the same location at 3183 South Grand. Now with a history of 45 years, Becker's is perhaps one of the most unique and interesting establishments in the city. The moment you enter, you feel as though you have entered a shop in the Black Forest of Germany. Imports from all over Europe, mostly Germany, are offered. Custom made German-style sausages are among the many continental items to be found. Others include: cheeses from Holland, Germany and Switzerland; German wines; beers from Holland and Germany; chocolate candy and marzipan from France and Switzerland;

European dinnerware; German record albums; teas from England; German spices and crystalware; crockery from Holland and Italy; Music boxes from Germany and Switzerland, German cuckoo clocks; an unusual assortment of very collectible European beer glasses; and an extensive and beautiful variety of German beer steins. This shop is often (especially at Christmas time) the destination of school field trips because of its distinctive European ambience. Christmas time is very special at Becker's. The shop is decorated in the style of the old world yule festival. Take a trip to "the continent". Becker's German Imports is the epitome of the ethnic experience available on Grand South Grand. Operating hours are: Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 6pm, closed Sunday and Monday.

-Don Hardin



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THE ART OF CITY LIVING EXHIBIT

Tower Grove Heights Salutes its Artists



Heights area; and will contain the works of 15 of our area's residents.

The show is the brainchild of the Promotion and Marketing Committee of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association. A subcommittee of that group, headed by Tricia Heliker, was formed to organize the show and select the artists. Jan Hurov, a member of the committee, says the purpose of the show is "to promote city living and really to promote the neighborhood. There's kind of a dual purpose, one is to recognize the neighborhood artists, their talents, but also to use that talent to motivate others to be interested in this area."

The artists were selected for the show by a consensus of the members of the show committee, with the first criteria being that each be a professional working artist. Hurov said the members of the committee went around and met with the artists, took polaroids and brought them back to the committee. Each member was assigned three or four artists to visit. Heliker says her committee didn't have

a juried competition process for this first show because the committee didn't have a clear idea of which artists lived in the Tower Grove Heights area. Now that her group has researched the area, she's impressed by the variety and number. "I would say there are double what we've contacted, at least."

The backgrounds of the artists differ in a number of ways. Some are involved in education and some in commercial arts; and their forms and styles are quite different. Hurov says they work in oil, pen and ink, charcoal, acrylic, pastels, graphite, fiber collage, watercolors, and photography. "The styles include what I would call art deco, southwest, contemporary, abstract, and some traditional." She says the committee "would have liked to have had some ceramics, something we could display on pedestals, but everybody's work is going to be hung", except for that of one illustrator of children's books.

For those interested in more information on the artists, Heliker said
continued on p. 10

Most people in St. Louis think of the Central West End as the nurturing area for artists in St. Louis. That perception may soon be changing. On November 4 and 5, the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association is sponsoring "The Art of City Living - Tower Grove Heights Salutes Its Neighborhood Artists." The art show is intended as a showcase of some of the artists who live in the Tower Grove

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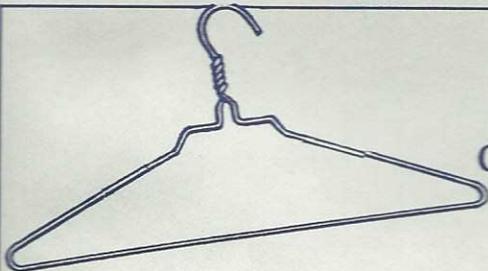
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OPERATION CONSERV ON THE MOVE

All residents of the Grand-Oak Hill area were invited to attend a September 13, 1989, meeting co-sponsored by Operation ConServ and the Tower Grove South Housing Corporation. The Grand-Oak Hill area boundaries are Arsenal on the north to Chippewa and Grand on the East to Kingshighway. Within the Grand-Oak Hill area three neighborhood associations exist: Tower Grove Heights, Portis Place, and Grand-Oak Hill. Operation ConServe was formed about nine months ago to provide concentrated city services to neighborhoods. Thirteen areas in the city have ConServ Officers. These officers are concerned with everyday issues in a neighborhood, as well as housing issues, planning, and special projects.

More than 150 people were in atten-

dance at this meeting when Patty Boyer, Grand-Oak Hill area ConServ Officer, disclosed the results of a neighborhood population survey prepared for the St. Louis Community Development Agency. This survey summarized data for the entire Grand-Oak Hill area. The area was broken into 7 zones for further study. In the April, 1989, Gazette some results were published showing resident perception in Tower Grove Heights.

Overall perceptions show that 90% of the residents view the appearance of the neighborhood as good to fair. Good ratings were also given for housing, litter and trash pick-up, safety and shopping. Those present had the chance to review the survey results and were invited to participate in one of five committees to

develop a plan for strengthening the neighborhood. The five committees being formed are: Safety, Beautification, Recreation, Education, and Marketing.

Over 65 people responded. These volunteers met again on October 3 to begin the planning process. Each committee discussed current conditions--strengths and weaknesses. They will continue to meet over the next several months to develop goals and objectives for their area. Projects and a long-range plan for the area will be the end result of this joining of residents from all parts of the Grand-Oak Hill area.

If you would like to become involved on a committee, contact Patty Boyer at City Hall.

-Cindy Lazzari

HORTICULTURAL CORNER

As autumn brings cooler temperatures and beautiful fall foliage, it's time to begin the final chores of the season. At this time of year, it is critical that plants go into the winter with adequate moisture. Inadequate moisture combined with cold, drying winds will cause winter injury. This is particularly true for evergreen plant materials. Because evergreens keep their leaves, they are susceptible to water loss through their leaves. It is also important to note that roots will continue to grow and absorb water until the ground (not air) temperature is near freezing. So remember to keep your plants watered until then.

It is also time to begin mulching your plants. Mulching is necessary to insulate tender perennials, roses, and young plants from the cold. In the St. Louis area, with our extremely cold winters, mulching will help to keep the soil from freezing. If it does freeze, the mulch will help to minimize injury to the plants' roots that is caused by "heaving", due to alternate freezing and thawing. To prevent "heaving", mulch to a depth of at least 3 to 4 inches with a fine dark mulch such as oak or leaf. This mulch is more effective than other types because it has many tiny air spaces and a dark heat absorbing color.

Vegetable garden debris should be gathered up and discarded. This will

eliminate places for insects to hide, and will also get rid of any overwintering eggs and larvae.

Spring flowering bulbs may be planted from now until the ground freezes. The key to successful bulb growing is to select firm, unblemished bulbs and to amend the soil properly. Bulbous plants will tolerate many soil types but they prefer and will flower more prolificly in loose, porous soil that provides good drainage. In heavy soils, organic matter improves drainage and allows for better air movement. In sandy soil, organic matter retains moisture and keeps nutrients near the root zone. Bulbs will also benefit from the addition of phosphorous. Phosphorous is essential to good root development and flowering. This nutrient may be provided by adding bonemeal or a superphosphate fertilizer. When deciding how deep to plant bulbs a good rule of thumb to follow is to make the hole 3 times as deep as the bulb at its widest diameter. Cover the bulb with soil and firm lightly and mulch.

I hope this has been a fruitful growing season. Although winter is nearly upon us please remember that the key to successful gardening starts with advance planning. Spring will be here before you know it.

-Benjamin Chu

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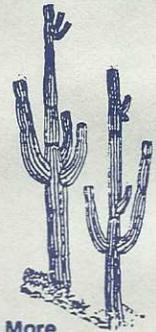
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HERITAGE COMMISSION EFFECTS SOME RESIDENTS

The Heritage & Urban Design Commission of the City of St. Louis is responsible for protecting and preserving Tower Grove Park. They are in charge of maintaining the Victorian character of the park and the buildings visible from the park. They try to maintain the property values of the neighboring buildings and make sure that all changes done to these buildings are appropriate for the style of the building.

The ordinance covers all structures and buildings within 300 feet of the park. This means all the buildings on Arsenal and the garages on the north side of Hartford are covered by the ordinance. They are concerned with alterations to anything on the outside of the buildings.

Actually, all they are trying to do is keep the changes to buildings in sight of the park from clashing with the way the whole neighborhood looks. Some examples of things they might object to are: aluminum trim that hides original brick contours, or replacement windows that are not the same size as the windows they are replacing. Some

items they do not worry about are the material and style of replacement roofs, the color you paint your house trim, and landscaping.

They have an office on the 4th floor of City Hall and have several inspectors who will help you with getting any changes you want done to your house approved quickly and easily. They suggest you call them when you are thinking about doing work. You can tell them what you want to do and they can tell you what they will be concerned about and what information they need so you can get a permit. They work closely with the building inspections division of the city so you can make an application and get your permit from both departments at the same time.

For simple projects it will take about 2 weeks from the time you submit your application until you get your approval and permit. If it is something complicated, it may take 45 days. They usually need pictures of the current building and plans for the work to be done - front view, side view and detail of items, like the handrails you want to use on a porch.

They are concerned about your work being done correctly from a quality and a stylistic point of view. They are familiar with the common problems homeowners have with some contractors and will try to spot substandard work specifications in your plans.

If you are not happy with a decision an inspector makes, you can appeal his decision to the entire Heritage Commission. There is no charge for

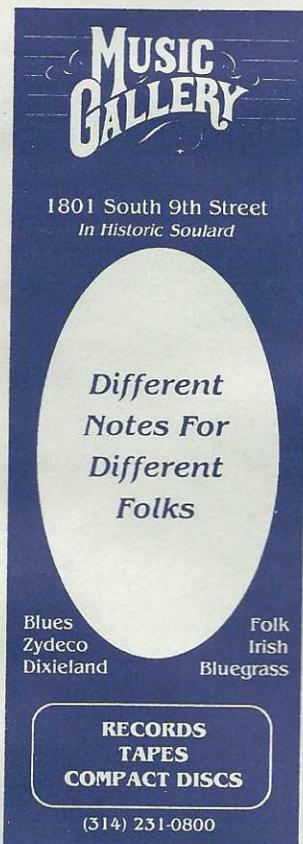
the appeal, but you will have to wait for the next meeting of the board. If you are not happy with the entire commission's decision, you can appeal it to the circuit court of the City.

Permits are not very expensive - they are \$14 for the first \$2500 of work and a sliding scale for work costing more than \$2500. Remember, you need to obtain a building permit for almost any work that is more than a simple replacement of one single item by an identical item. For example, replacing one broken wooden stair tread with a new piece of wood and painting it to match the stairway is a simple repair and does not require a permit. Replacing the entire set of stairs leading up to your front porch requires a permit. Any new or replacement fence requires a permit. If you are not sure if you need a permit, call the building division.

Remember, the general idea is to protect everyone's property values by making sure that all work is appropriate and of adequate quality. Just one sub-standard building can pull the whole neighborhood's values down. The city does not have enough inspectors to catch all permit violators. If a person doing work has a permit, it should be posted in a visible place.

If you want more information about the ordinance, you can get a copy of it from the Heritage Commission Office, Room 416 in City Hall. The part that applies to our area is chapter 24.16 - Urban Design. Their phone number is 622-4099.

-Mike Kriz



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A MESSAGE FROM ALDERMAN GERALDINE OSBORN

I was pleasantly surprised by a recent development. For years I have objected to expenditures of City funds which violate provisions of our City Charter. The Charter provides that: "except as otherwise expressly provided in this charter, no money shall be expended except in consequence of appropriations made by ordinance..." Only the Board of Aldermen can pass ordinances and therefore, according to the Charter, only the Board of Aldermen can appropriate City funds.

Unfortunately, in recent years the Convention and Tourism Board started to "appropriate" convention and tourism funds in spite of the clear language of the Charter. (The Convention and Tourism Board is composed of the same three officials who make up the Board of Estimate and Apportionment - the Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Board of Aldermen).

Now, the Comptroller, Virvus Jones, has announced that he will insist that convention and tourism funds be appropriated by ordinance as required by the Charter. This decision is a victory for every St. Louisan who believes that public officials, like private citizens, should be required to obey the law. This decision is also a victory for every taxpayer who wants to see their tax dollars spent legally and properly. Admittedly, requiring appropriations by the Board of Aldermen does not guarantee Solomon-like wisdom but at least we will not have two officials usurping the authority to appropriate City funds in order to serve their own special interests.

Virvus Jones will undoubtedly receive a lot of pressure and criticism from those who have benefited from the illegal expenditure of City funds. He needs to hear from those of us who respect him for his courage and independence and for his decision to uphold the Charter.

Geraldine (Gerry) Osborn

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THE HISTORIC HEIGHTS

Gustine is the eastern boundary of the old 432 acre estate and country home of James Russell. Present day streets that mark the border of his estate would be Kingshighway, Arsenal, Gustine and Chippewa.

This 432 acre estate was acquired in 1805 (one year following the Louisiana purchase) by James's brother, William Russell. William Russell was the most audacious and successful land speculator of the Territorial Period. His land acquisitions number 309 separate claims, ranging from 160 to 640 acres per claim. These claims weren't only located in Missouri but also in Illinois, Arkansas and Iowa. William Russell had only one child, Ann. Upon bringing her to St. Louis, he placed her in the home of Colonel and Mary Sibley. Mary Sibley would take in daughters of the St. Louis elite and educate them in languages, social etiquette and the social graces. Mary Sibley's personal tutoring of the St. Louis elite was the beginning of Lindenwood College.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Roger Oyster and his wife, Becky Staup, of the 3700 block of Hartford both share a dedication to music. Roger is a trombonist with the St. Louis Symphony. A resident of Washington, D.C. for seventeen years, Roger answered an audition call from the St. Louis Symphony in January of 1988. He sent a tape of pre-selected works and was among the sixteen finalists called to audition in person. Upon winning the audition, Roger and his wife moved to St.

Louis in September, 1988. He is now in his second season with what many consider one of the finest symphony orchestras. Roger, in addition to

Maps of the 1880's of this Grand Oak Hill/Tower Grove Heights area shows the name Russell as the designation of most streets. Morganford was once called Russell Avenue. Roger Place was called Russell Place until 1941.

The naming of present day Gustine is another Russell family connection. Trumbell Gustine Russell was an officer and an original partner in the Parker-Russell Clay Mining and Manufacturing Company that was located at Morganford and Utah.

The location of their coal mining, clay mining and manufacturing companies postponed urbanization well into the 1940's. This led to intricate street patterns in some parts of the Oak Hill area. If one lives in the the 3800 block of Connecticut, we see attractive houses and yards at Gustine, rather than the continuation of the street. This view gives the effect of a cul-de-sac, and made the intimacy of our neighborhood separating it from the view of the industrial areas.

-Kathryn Kilker

playing with the symphony, teaches trombone at Washington University. Becky is an oboist. She teaches the oboe and is a member of the Rosewood Chamber Consort.

Roger and Becky are in the midst of renovation. Their home suffered a fire approximately 20 years ago, thus much of the original hardwood floors and millwork were destroyed. They are aiming for a mixture of the old and new in their renovation efforts. The Oyster-Staups personify the cultural and artistic renaissance that is emerging throughout the city, especially in Tower Grove Heights.

-Don Hardin



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A LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS

After scanning several back issues of the Gazette, I was please at how positive each issue reads. I'm not surprised that the staff finds so many good things to write about because when I take a walk it's easy to see what's so great about our Tower Grove Heights. I take many walks during different times to "feel" the neighborhood. Weekend walks take more time - the neighbors are out. Sunset walks seem magical with red and gold colors glowing off red brick city houses. When the sun goes down, you get to peek in half-curtained windows to see some of the real assets of the neighborhood. Staircases, mantles, sliding pocket doors and beamed ceilings are on display with many in their original natural hardwood colors. Stained glass windows outlined in impeccable brick and stonework are offset by soft treelined streets. When I take a walk, I see what others have seen since the turn of the century.

Walks are also ideal for impromptu conversations with the people who are buying in our area. It pays to talk to new people and to hear them discover what we take for granted. One new resident told me how he was enjoying an evening on his porch when he thought, "Hey, this is quiet and I'm in the city!" Others can't believe Tower Grove Park is their neighbor. One new couple was being shown houses only in West County when their realtor surprised them by saying she was going to show them something they hadn't seen before in a place they didn't know. When they saw their spacious two-family flat with its original millwork and charm, it was love at first sight.

After viewing the neighborhood through a walking perspective, things

do jump out at me. It is not just the stately homes on the 3600 block of Utah that impress me but also less obvious riches like the 3600 block of Juniata which is manicured so beautifully. Walk down the 3600 block of Connecticut and 3800 block of Utah to study the magnificent two-family flats which still give luxurious living. Ride your imagination as you look at the iron hitching posts and rings still found sunk into the concrete along Spring and on the 3800 block of Hartford. Go to the northwest corner of Spring and Connecticut and find the brass markers which boast of the Granitoid Company which laid the original sidewalks throughout our neighborhood near the turn of the century. These relics show us that Tower Grove Heights is indeed a time capsule which has been providing roots and continuity to generations of residents. If you want to find out why people think this is the place to live...go take a walk.

-Rich Iezzi, Vice-President

HOLIDAY NOTECARDS

In August, the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association invited resident artists to submit their artwork in the association's first holiday notecard competition. Six artists submitted their work. Out of those designs, two were selected for publication. The winners were Mary Kubiak Schroeder, "City Snow" and Ruth Paddock, "Directors Residence - Tower Grove Park." The notecards run 6 cards/envelopes to a set for the price of \$5. Sales will benefit TGHNA. Contact your block captain or Trish (773-7130) to order yours today!

-Steve Telford

FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

Fall is the traditional time for legislators to plan for the upcoming session of the General Assembly. Right now committees of the General Assembly are meeting about some issues with the goal to learn more and develop some consensus for legislative action. Some of the issues currently being looked at include: revamping the way the State deals or fails to deal with insurance problems through its Division of Insurance, how to handle the increasing number of female prisoners, drug abuse in St. Louis, and sexual abuse of children.

Meanwhile, as chair of the House Committee on Energy & the Environment, I am working on several environmental issues that I believe will be receiving a great deal of attention in the legislature next session. One measure will establish a comprehensive solid waste management proposal that will be applicable statewide. It will set up a regional approach to planning and problem solving so cities and counties who are much closer to the problems. Then people can band together to work towards more local solutions.

The proposal will target eliminating the dumping of items such as old appliances, tires, leadacid batteries, recyclables, & yard waste in our landfills. Did you know that simple yard waste such as leaves & grass clippings make up 14-20% of our landfill space? We will be doing more to encourage recycling across all Missouri. These are just a few of the items in my proposal.

Another area that will be discussed will be energy efficiency. We are looking at proposing that energy efficient water devices & lighting in new construction be the norm.

The legislature will also look at what we can do in Missouri to deal with global warming, ozone, & the greenhouse effect - all of which affect our lives much more than we realize.

State Representative Pat Dougherty
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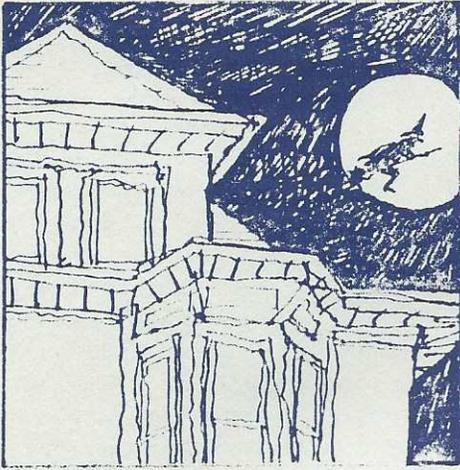


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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



All Hallow's Eve and the crisp autumn nights which usher in this dark season are ruled by supernatural beings who roam the cityscape and countryside and fill the cool night air with shrieks and blood-curdling screams. If this little bit of prose doesn't put you in the mood for a frightful frolic, then you might consider joining the ranks of the

scared silly by visiting one of the many purveyors of purgatory pleasures who are determined to make this Halloween one you won't forget!

Why not take a motor trip some evening through Halloween night out Interstate 55 to the Imperial/Kimmswick exit, turn right, then left on the South Outer Road to the Tour de Fright. Once you arrive you can pick your poison and select between a trip to the county morgue or the Thayer Ashton Mansion, a haunted house I'm told!

If you would like to stay a bit closer to the safety of your own home, you might try the popular haunted forest at Tilles Park on Litszinger and McKnight Roads in St. Louis County. Tickets for this family recreational event sponsored by St. Louis County Parks and Recreation and several local radio stations are sold daily from 11am to 4pm at three county family recreation centers. Tickets go fast at \$3 per

person so act fast. Call 889-2864 for recorded information.

Those brave souls among us with a strong constitution and a few extra hours and dollars to kill might consider attending Fright Night II at Six Flags Over Mid America in Eureka. Check your daily newspaper or call the park at 938-4800 for a recorded message. This event, billed as the world's largest Halloween party, runs through October 29.

This writer has heard rumors that there is also a haunted hotel on the very site of Pierre Laclede's landing on the Mississippi at the St. Louis riverfront. If you would like to pay a visit call 621-0924 first for more information.

This is just a sampling of the many Halloween happenings around this ghoulish city. If you can't make up your mind witch one to ghost to you can always stay gnome! I dare you!

-David Wagner

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

It's that time of year again. You're trying to decide whether or not to buy a giant pumpkin to set on your porch, and your children are trying to decide whether they should dress as a monster or a rock star. With decisions like these to make, the question of safety might not even cross your mind, but The Safety Council of Greater St. Louis asks that you take just a moment to consider these few tips that can help make this as safe as well as a fun Halloween.

- * Make sure your yard is clear of obstacles for youngsters.
- * Try to stay with light-colored costumes.
- * Decorate costumes with reflective tape.
- * Consider using makeup rather than a mask, so your child's field of vision is clear.
- * If a mask is used, be sure it has big enough eye and nose holes to allow for good visibility and ventilation.
- * Children should carry colorful treat bags. Try decorating them with reflective tape.

- * Remind your children that treats are not to be eaten until they get home.
- * When they do get home, examine all treats for possible signs of tampering.

The Safety Council also has a couple of extra thoughts for those of us who will be on the giving end of the holiday. First, consider alternative treats like baseball cards, non-toxic crayons,

colored pencils, or snack coupons for local restaurants. Also, if you are dressing and going somewhere to celebrate with friends don't wear your mask while driving, and avoid wearing a costume that will keep you from freely moving your arms and legs.

Keep these safety tips in mind, and have a ghoulishly happy Halloween!!!

-Mike and Judy Johnson

KIDS CORNER

PUMPKIN COOKIES

- 1/2 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp pumpkin
- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp cloves
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tbsp raisins
- 1 tbsp dates
- 2 tbsp chopped nuts

HALLOWEEN TREATS

Mix butter and honey, then mix in remaining ingredients. Bake at 350 for 12 minutes.

WITCHES BREW

- 1 gallon cranberry juice
- 1 gallon apple cider
- 1 12oz can orange juice concentrate
- 1 cup peeled grapes (eyeballs)
- chunk dry ice

Mix all liquids together in a large caldron. Add eyeballs and dry ice 15 minutes before serving.

-Libby Kriz

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 8 marked the sixth annual "National Night Out" - the night designated for neighborhoods across the nation to demonstrate their sense of community as being a vital force against crime. Between 7pm and 9pm on that unseasonably cool Tuesday night, residents of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood joined those of nearly 400 other St. Louis city blocks in celebrating National Night Out.

As in the past, this year residents participated in various ways. Many simply turned on their porch lights or sat on their front porch during the two hours. Three blocks - the 3800 blocks of Hartford, Connecticut and Wyoming - closed off their streets and had mini block parties complete with an accordion player on Hartford; ice cream and watermelon on Connecticut; and ice cream and jugglers on Wyoming. Though the 36-3700 block of Juniata was not roped off, its residents also made an ice cream night of it - by rolling ice cream in coffee cans!

On the whole, National Night Out in Tower Grove Heights was a success. Those who participated had a chance to show their interest in the community, visit with neighbors (many

for the first time!), and at the same time further the crime prevention effort. Operation Safestreet, which has encouraged and supported St. Louis' National Night Out participation for the last five years, again plans to offer free street closings, block party starter

kits, and the Night Out competition next year as well.

National Night Out is a fun way to build our awareness of the simple ways we can make our neighborhood a safer place all year round.

-Anita Barker

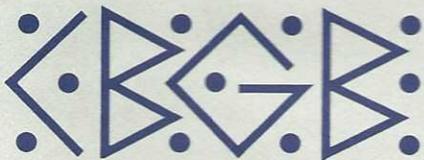
36-3700 JUNIATA ST. PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The fourth annual 36-3700 Juniata Street Progressive Dinner and House Tour was held later than usual this year, but it was worth the wait! The 32 residents of Juniata that attended got a chance to taste the culinary arts of their neighbors and get a glimpse of several area homes.

The evening began at the Young's home for appetizers and a house tour. Crab dip, vegetables, cheeses and sausages were nibbled on as neighbors gathered and conversed. When everyone had had their fill, we proceeded to the Neidt home for a tour of "the most renovated home since last year's tour" and to dine on several delicious salads. Two house tours followed on the evenings agenda. First, the Coriells, who had completed two rooms just before the tour, and then to the home and garden of Ray Walker,

which is always a special treat! The tours gave our stomachs a little break before heading for the main course at the Websters. Here, we caught a glimpse of renovation in progress, which gave new neighbors Don and Diana Doyle, Bryan and Connie Bender, and Steve and Colleen Santino a little inspiration. The barbecued beef brisket was superb and the stuffed shells were also quite delicious. There was also jambalaya, homemade bread and a variety of side dishes. Dessert was enjoyed in the Coriells' garden. Fresh fruit, Bavarian rum cake, amaretto cheesecake, blueberry muffins, berry meringue tarts and almond amaretto coffee cake made a tasty conclusion to a delicious feast that was fit for a king!

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there will be biographical information on each of them, compiled in a brochure to be handed out at the show's opening reception. "It will tell a little bit about the neighborhood, and it will also tell a little bit about each artist and their work.

The artwork will be hung by a staff of volunteers and the artists themselves. Each artist's works will be grouped together, and two or three artists may share the same room. The committee expects to use all the rooms in the house.

The committee was fortunate to have been offered a home on Utah Place to host the show. The home has been recently renovated and its owner expects to move in immediately following the exhibit.

All the artists will be in attendance at the Benefit Champagne Reception which takes place on November 4 from 7pm to 10pm. Volunteers will be serving wine, cheese, champagne and non-alcoholic beverages. Most of the artworks will be for sale, as well as a limited edition of posters signed by the artists.

The artists whose work will be

highlighted are Richard Bernal, Chad Carroll, Robin Faszold, Roberta Hudlow, Claire Immer, Deborah Moellering, Janice Nesser, Ruth Paddock, Sean Ruprecht-Belt, Mary Kubiak Schroeder, Roy Smith, Charles Snowden, Tom Tobias, Kathryn Zellich, and Anthony Zingre'.

Tickets for the November 4 reception will be sold for \$7 per person or \$10 per couple. On November 5, the exhibit will be open to the public from 1pm to 5pm at no charge. Tickets for the reception are available through Cindy Lazzari at 771-0343.

The proceeds will go to cover the costs of the reception as well as

printing costs. The remainder will go to the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association.

Invitations will be sent to a number of the art departments of area colleges and universities, several art galleries, and a number of local political figures and media people. Heliker said, "We want to get them into our neighborhood and let them know who we are." Residents in the area are encouraged to walk to the exhibit at 3724 Utah Place in order to minimize the parking congestion, and to present visible support for the show.

-Tom Booth

POLICE APPRECIATION PICNIC

On Sunday, September 24th, the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association joined together with other neighborhood groups and business districts to give a big "thank-you" to the officers of the 3rd district who serve our area so diligently. A picnic was held in their honor at Stupp Memorial in Tower Grove Park.

Like past years, due to the combined

community effort of over twenty neighborhood associations and business districts, the 3rd District Police Appreciation Picnic was a huge success. Not only did it afford us the opportunity to meet some of the men and women who help us everyday, but it gave us a chance to let them know that we are behind them 100%.

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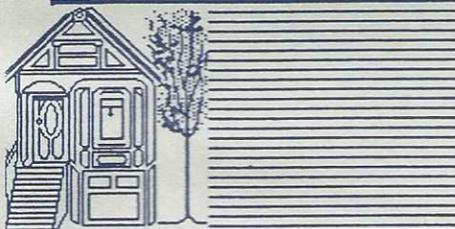
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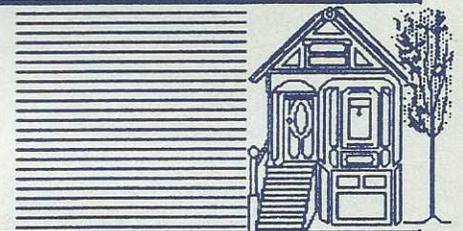
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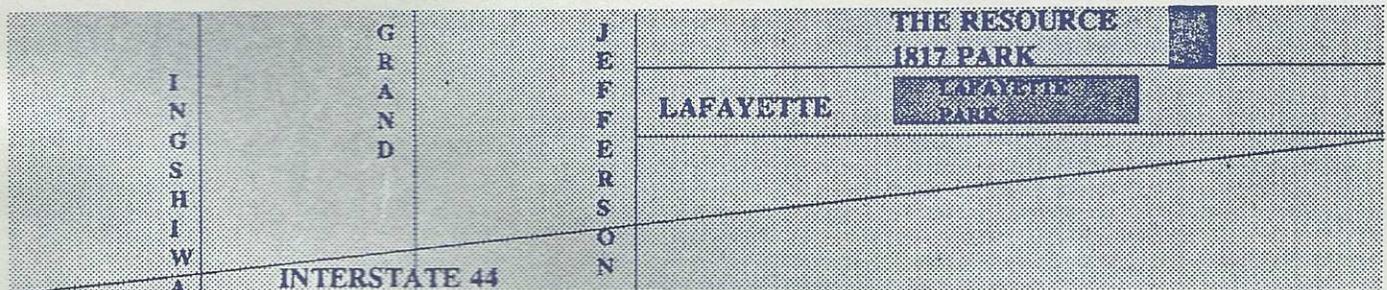
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October 25

Travelogue at Carpenter Branch Library featuring Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos

October 28 - November 17

Flowers From the Royal Gardens of Kew on display at Missouri Botanical Garden. More than 99 watercolors and several old volumes of Curtis's Botanical Magazine will be on display.

October 30

Great Books discussion at Carpenter Branch Library at 7pm on Metamorphosis

October 31

Halloween - Haunted Halloween Festival at Carpenter Branch Library beginning at 4pm

November 1 - November 26

A photographic representation of Tropical Rain Forests will be on display at Missouri Botanical Garden of the countries where the Garden's tropical research program is active.

November 4 - November 5

"The Art of City Living," a neighborhood salutes its artist at 3724 Utah. (See article on page 3)

November 4 - November 26

Fall Flower display at the Missouri Botanical Garden featuring an array of chrysanthemums and seasonal blooms in a setting reminiscent of Old Sturbridge Village.

November 7

Election Day

November 13 - November 17

Children's Book Week and National Library Week - Special events at Carpenter Branch Library during the

week will include games from books for children

November 19

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood annual meeting - Election of officers at 7:30pm at Stupp Memorial Center

November 23

Thanksgiving

November 30

Pasta dinner. A fundraiser given by the Citizens to re-elect Rep. Pat Dougherty, 67th District at Oak Hill Hall from 5pm to 9pm. For more information call 772-1948

December 5 - December 31

Victorian Holiday at Tower Grove House at Missouri Botanical Garden

December 8 - December 10

Southside YMCA annual handball tournament

Ongoing

Preschool Children's Hour at Carpenter Branch Library every Wednesday from 10:30am - 11:15am at Carpenter Branch Library
GED classes every Tuesday and Thursday 9am - 12noon at Carpenter Branch Library

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-compiled by Cindy Lazzari

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