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A DECADE OF HELP 100 NEEDIEST CASES



BY ELLEN WILSON

This year marks the tenth year that the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association has reached out to help south city families in need. To recognize this milestone we are stretching our limits and collecting donations for three families instead of our usual two. Our neighbors humble me year after year with how willing we are to take time out of our busy holiday season to help a family of strangers and I am so proud to be a part of it. This year we picked families that have a range of issues from mental and physical challenges to such financial crises that some utilities are no longer connected. Family one is a married couple with a daughter who is getting straight "A"s. He does volunteer work at a center that provides help for others while he is waiting for help for his own family. They both want to contribute even while they are unable to find work due to disabilities. Family two is a young couple with two small children. She has physical and mental illnesses, their son is hearing impaired, and their daughter was born premature which resulted in heart problems. He works part-time, but their gas has been turned off. Family three is a married couple with two older children. She works part time and he does seasonal work. The entire family is interested in learning crafts so they can make things to earn addition income. The kids are determined to learn a skill that can bring in extra money to the family and they are all working to make ends meet.

I hope you will join me again in sharing any extra that you have with others who might not have enough. There are several ways you can help. You can donate a new unwrapped gift that fits one of the family members, donate items or a gift certificate fitting one of the general needs, or donate cash (or check – made out to TGHNA) which will be used to buy gifts and pay for utilities. Drop your donations at the drop point and we take care of the rest. All gifts will be wrapped and distributed to the families. Please be sure to include your full name with our donation so I can acknowledge your generosity. Choose one (or more) of the following:

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Gazette 25th Anniversary

BY MARILYN BROWNING

It was twenty-five years ago that the presses first started rolling at the Tower Grove Heights Gazette. Janice Nesser and Tom Booth were the editors, and their intention was to produce and deliver a Gazette for all the Tower Grove Heights residents every other month. The inaugural issue had a look back on the previous 80 years of Tower Grove Heights, a column from the alderman, happenings around the neighborhood, and a recipe with the enticing name "Death by Hash Browns." It also had ads from local businesses, including Lucas Optometry and Commerce Bank. Advertisers, and businesses, have come and gone in the twenty-five years since, but these two remain our longest-running and most faithful advertisers.

The editors have changed over the years, the Gazette moved from a bi-monthly- to a quarterly- publication, and the Gazette distribution shrank from the whole neighborhood to Association members only and then expanded again to the whole neighborhood.

During the Gazette's 25 years, there have been some great-, and maybe not-so-great-articles in the Gazette, depending on the whims of the editors and the writers.

On the light side there have been horoscopes, movie and restaurant reviews, book reviews, a long-running nutritional advice column, car advice, decorating advice

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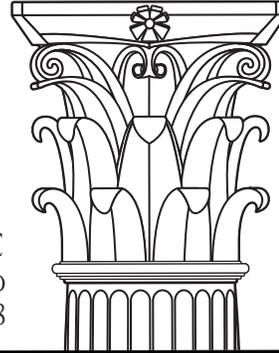
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Family 1:

Father (61): Size: XL; Pants 36/30; Shoes (8)

Boy (45): Size: 4X; Shoes (10)

Girl (12): Size: L; Pants 14; Shoes (7)

Special Requests: Towels, queen/full comforter, pots/pans, silverware, DVD player, bath and body, nail/jewelry, iTunes card, tools, work boots, men's socks, warm clothes

Family 2:

Mother (23): Size: L; Pants 9/11; Shoes (9.5)

Fiancé (23): Size: L; Pants 38/32; Shoes (11)

Boy (4): Size: 6/7; Shoes (13)

Boy (1): Size: 1/2T; Shoes (6)

Special Requests: Diapers/wipes; wrestling; Hot Wheels; electronic learning games for both kids; football games; beauty products; bathtub products; rugs; towels; pillows; warm clothes

Family 3:

Mother (33): Size: L/16; Shoes (8.5)

Father (42): Size: L; Pants 32/34; Shoes (13)

Boy (18): Size: M; Pants 32/32; Shoes (11)

Girl (14): Size: 12/14; Shoes (8.5)

Special Requests: Kits for sewing, jewelry making, cake decorating, Chess set, king/twin white sheets, white towels, pots/pans, beauty product, cologne sets, men's socks, warm clothes



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There is always a need for volunteers to help wrap the gifts and for wrapping materials such as tape, wrapping paper, labels, and ribbon. If you are interested in helping, contact Ellen.

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Gazette 25th Anniversary

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from Trish Heliker, holiday shopping sprees on South Grand, and pictures of architectural treasures in the neighborhood. More than one writer has shared the agony and ecstasy of renovating a home in the Heights and yes, the rehabbing continues...

On the weighty side there have been columns from the neighborhood association president (often asking for more volunteers), guest columns by aldermen and state representatives, crime reports for the neighborhood, and summaries of public safety meetings and association meetings.

Looking through the old Gazettes has allowed me to reconstruct some of the recent, and not-so-recent history of the neighborhood, and it's pretty darned interesting to learn what steps have been taken both individually and as a group to make improvements in and around the neighborhood over the last 25 years. From reclaiming old corner buildings like the multi-unit on Hartford and Spring to dispossessing drug dealers and prostitutes on our streets, we've come a long way in bringing back the Heights.

As far as neighborhood history goes, I especially liked a column from Mark Abbott in the Winter 2003 issue detailing how to trace your house's ownership back through the years and establish when it was built. The next chance I get, I'm off to the Assessor's Office to start my search. Perhaps in the future we'll reprint that article for interested homeowners that weren't around a decade ago to read it.

A worthy reminder to keep your porch light on to deter crime in the neighborhood has appeared several times, and will in this issue as well.

If I had to pick a favorite I must confess it would be a column from "Mr. Manners" on various matters of neighborhood etiquette. It's a light-hearted way of letting all of us know what's expected of us as good neighbors. I've asked our fearless editor to reprint one of those columns-- "Mr. Manners Talks About... Neighborhood Trash Etiquette", first published in August of 1997, in its entirety. The advice is timely and timeless. Enjoy!



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AUTUMN FEST in the Heights 2013

RECAP

BY **TRICIA HELIKER** The days leading up to Autumn Fest 2013 were rather ominous. Rachel Witt, our contact with the restaurants donating food, and our volunteer to pick up all the appetizers and deliver them to the first house, had broken her foot. Pat Edwards, baker extraordinaire who has made all the desserts single handedly in previous years and scheduled to do it again this year, had a serious biking accident and was unable to stand or walk. And the weather forecast was a black cloud looming on the horizon. Rain was forecast for late afternoon on Saturday. As Marilyn put it, "It was a disaster trifecta."



But, the food donations were picked up by other volunteers. (The restaurants that prepared their delicacies and donated them to the event are listed elsewhere in this issue.) Pat rose to the occasion, prepared the most scrumptious desserts, and arranged them artfully on platters. These desserts were all donated and delivered to house #2 by John Pappa and Pat Edwards. And because Wes and Marilyn Browning were hosting as house #1, and because Marilyn was the Chairperson of the event, we felt the predicted rain might



just break in our favor. You see, Wes is Meteorologist in Charge National Weather Service St. Louis Forecast Office, so we were assured early enough that the threat of moisture would be gone by 10 A.M. And it was!

Eighty one tickets were sold in advance of the event and another forty one were sold at the door. This broke the attendance record of the previous five Autumn Fests. Marilyn and Wes welcomed the first guests to a buffet of delicious appetizers and a backyard bar. Everyone was having such a great time they seemed to forget there were two more houses on the circuit. Maybe the fact that Marilyn and Wes had donated a wide selection of wines for the event, and were not limiting the "tastings," might have influenced the guests to linger. Ray Marklin managed the bar while fielding questions like, "What wine goes best with beet hummus?" And if beer was your preference, there was plenty of that too, thanks to donations by generous neighborhood residents.

When Marilyn asked me if I would be the second house on the tour, I agreed. She actually said, dessert house, and I never say no to dessert. Pat's baking expertise is fairly well known in the neighborhood, so some guests arrived knowing they were in for a spectacular array of treats. Choices included almond cake, plum cake, cranberry apple pie, peanut brittle, chocolate chubbies, pumpkin cake, cranberry turtle bars, triangle brownies, shortbread cookies, carmelitas, and a huge bowl of strawberries next to a huge bowl of whipped cream. And that's only a partial list. If that wasn't enough, Steve Haag made his chocolate



chip torte with ganache topping. Coffee donated by Hartford Coffee Company was the perfect complement to all the sweets. The fire pit in the backyard added a little ambiance and a chance to roast marshmallows over the fire. The "clop, clop" of horses hooves on the pavement alerted guests the carriage had arrived to take them to the final house on the tour.

The third and final house of the night was the home of Metra and Nick. They are new to the neighborhood and were in the middle of a rehab when they agreed to be the final house on the tour. It was a deadline that kept them on task. They were determined to have a working bathroom

by Oct. 12. I was told Metra was pulling the dust cover off the chandelier as guests began arriving. Their backyard was a popular spot and guests hung around until midnight. S'mores were made while sitting on hay bales around a roaring fire. Neighbors exchanged rehabbing stories and shared tips while enjoying Metra's delicious hot apple cider.

The event came off without a hitch thanks to the careful planning of Marilyn and the help of many volunteers. The donations of food, wine, and beer allowed the planning committee to keep the cost of admission down. The turnout made Autumn Fest 2013 an outstanding event. And it wasn't just TGH residents who participated. Mimi Haag overheard a young couple who used to live on Utah say, "We wouldn't miss Autumn Fest for anything." That is a great testament to our Fall party. More pictures of the event can be seen at: www.zoomin24-7.blogspot.com (search: dessert house)

It's not too early to be thinking about next year's event. If you would like to be involved, please contact Marilyn Browning for information on how you might participate next year.

We've got Acanthus Leaves on Hartford Street



By Rich Iezzi Nick Taylor and Metra Mitchell-Taylor live on the 3800 block of Hartford in a house they bought last May. I remember seeing Metra (pronounced 'Mee-tra') at a Tower Grove Heights meeting and thought it was a bit odd that she kept coming to the meetings when she and Nick weren't even living here. Now I understand that it was all about doing research. "We've been looking at houses and neighborhoods for five years", explains Metra.

Nick and Metra both know a lot about what they're looking for. Metra teaches drawing, design and art history at four different schools and Nick runs his own residential construction company. The ideal house had to have fireplaces for Nick and a sculptural staircase for Metra. The Hartford house has both. Metra pointed out the acanthus leaves carved into the top of the newel post and noticed that the capitals on their front porch columns were ionic. They know a lot about houses.

They tried loft living but it didn't work out. "Loft people live downtown to attend sporting events but we've never even been to the Jones's Dome", says Nick. When asked what attracted them to this area, I heard a familiar list. "We really love Tower Grove Park, the restaurants on Grand and being able to see lots of different people", said Metra. Nick calls it, "A slice of life".

The Hartford house needed some work but soon involved a lot of work because, as Nick put it, "It was the right time to do it". When most homeowners have all the work done, Nick and Metra got their hands dirty. Metra has a picture of Nick sitting on the dining room floor being engulfed in dust as he opened up the chimney flu. When I asked about the hardest part of the job, they said just two words: "the dust".

To add a little more pressure to the project, they volunteered their house for the Tower Grove Heights Autumn Fest. I saw Nick in front of his house a few days before the Autumn Fest deadline. At first he appeared to be staring blankly. Then I realized he was processing data. I pictured a computer's hourglass in his head, sifting out the next job to be done.

At the Autumn Fest party, Metra attracted a bit of attention when she casually dropped, "This is our shower" as she stood in front of her kitchen sink. Showering in the kitchen sink? A trip upstairs found two unfinished bathrooms sans showers or tubs. Oh man.

The work they've done on the house is meticulous and thorough. The original gold/brown woodwork has been respected and the house has the same charm and character it did 100 years ago. Ironically, their work is so good that it looks like they haven't done much. But there's a lot of work behind the walls. New plumbing and electric were run and the wall between the kitchen and dining room was removed, opening up the entire back of the house.

They're busy people so I apologized for taking up time with the Gazette interview. "Have you had dinner yet?", I asked. "Actually", Metra explained, "We haven't had our showers yet so we're headed back to our old loft to take them". I knew that sink thing wouldn't last long.

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BEES IN MY BACKYARD

By
**Jennifer
McBride**

I live on the 3600 block of Wyoming and I have bees. Lots of them. I only have one bee hive but a single hive averages 20,000 to 40,000 bees. As a kid, I found bees interesting and became a beekeeper in 2010 after reading "Fruitless Fall" by Rowan Jacobson. The book discusses Colony Collapse Disorder and other unfavorable conditions for modern day bees.

As a city beekeeper, I'm asked a lot of questions about bees and what it takes to be a beekeeper. Here's some answers to the most common questions.



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Q: When bees see you take their honey, won't they become aggressive and sting you on sight---forever?

A: Honey harvest can be tricky. The bees are rightfully protective of their hard work but there are ways to distract them. I use an all-natural "bee repellent" which includes almond extract. The bees hate this smell, which drives them further into the hive so you can take off the honey without too much trouble. Once the deed is done, the bees get back to work. They are extremely task oriented. When they notice the honey is gone, they just get to work producing more.

Q: If there are more and more hives in the city, won't the city bees be competing for the same honey source?

A: Bees can forage up to 2-3 miles from their hive—they collect pollen and nectar from a diverse range of plants. The city offers a huge array of options from backyard gardens, to MOBOT, to the trees in Tower Grove Park.

Q: How long do bees live?

A: Worker bees live 6 weeks during the summer, and up to 4-8 months during the winter.

Q: Does one queen ever de-throne another queen?

A: The queen bee is an amazing creature. Besides living an average of two years, she's prolific—laying up to 1,500 eggs per day, roughly two thirds of her body weight. She also is ubiquitous—her scent is carried throughout the colony by the workers, which in turn controls their daily activities. If she's gone, the bees know. If she's not living up to her potential, they know that too and will subsequently replace her. If two queens meet face to face in the hive, they will fight to the death.

Q: What should we do if we see bees 'hiving' out in the open?

A: If you see a swarm of bees, it's best to call the experts—a local beekeeper. The city has a number of new bee clubs, the one I'm most familiar with is STL Beekeepers: www.saintlouisbeekeepers.com

Q: Why are bees dying?

A: Everyone has an opinion on what's causing Colony Collapse. I think it's a mix of factors, but mainly I blame pesticides, which have weakened bees immune systems and left them vulnerable to pests and disease.

Café Mochi EXPANSION

By Tricia Heliker

When Victor Pham decided to build a restaurant next to a building he already owned on the NW corner of Humphrey and South Grand, some were skeptical. Although the lot was deep, the width of the available land was only 23.5 feet. But when Victor has a vision he forges ahead. Café Mochi opened in 2009 to a very receptive audience. The sushi prepared by Victor's brother was an instant hit. The menu also boasted excellent Japanese and Vietnamese dishes. Careful planning created as much seating as possible in this narrow little restaurant, but there was often a waiting line. During moderate weather the patio was a popular venue and eased the seating crunch inside, but Victor knew if he was going to continue to be successful he needed more table space.

In 2011 he did two things to make that a reality. He doubled the size of his patio by stretching it across the front of the original building that was then, and still is, his Hair Salon. He did, however, relinquish over half of salon's square footage to the restaurant. Because the original restaurant sits at sidewalk level and the salon is above street level, stairs had to be added inside the restaurant and an opening had to be made in the common wall between the two. This was no small feat. A bathroom was added giving the restaurant a restroom on each level. The extra seating on the patio delighted the happy hour crowd, and the second floor level was welcomed by those accustomed to waiting for a table.

As word spread and the menu expanded, so did the crowds. So once again Victor found a way to increase seating. He gave up a wooden deck on the west side of the building and added a 525 sq. ft. addition. This allowed him to create a second passage to the kitchen for the staff. He was also able to increase the size of the waiter's station on the second level and, most importantly, take care of his customers more efficiently. A chilly snap towards the end of October, prompted an early opening of the new space. Patio furniture was quickly moved inside along with the happy patrons.

The latest addition is spacious enough to seat large parties, which was one of Victor's goals. Another goal was to have the ability to seat patrons on days when weather would not permit utilizing the patio. He is happy to have accomplished both.

A balcony is in the works outside the French doors on the south side of the addition. Custom tables and chairs should arrive before this goes to press and decorative elements will be completed by early December. But in the meantime, it is great service and great food at Café Mochi.

Happy hour is 4:30-6:30 Tues.-Sat and offers discounted drinks and ½ price sushi. And for those who are not sushi fans, there are a variety of chicken, pork, beef and seafood dishes on the menu. One of my personal favorites is Bun Cari Ga. It is a mix of chicken and vegetables in a coconut curry sauce over vermicelli noodles. Café Mochi has received commendations from Urban Spoon, Google.com, Metromix, Sauce Magazine, and Riverfront Times. And if that isn't convincing enough just ask someone who has eaten there. It is a must stop for my Colorado niece every time she visits St. Louis.

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Neighborhood Trash Etiquette

Dear Mr. Manners — I am 13 years old. Yesterday, my friends and I were walking down Hartford and some old guy—he must have been at least 40 years old—started screaming at us just because a couple of us threw some bags on the sidewalk. What’s the big deal anyway? The wind will eventually blow it away. I yelled at the old coot, but my girlfriend said I was wrong for doing that. What do you think?

Dear Gentle Reader — I do not know what makes Mr. Manners sadder—the state of contemporary education or the apparent lack of parental teaching about manners. From the logic of your question, I can only surmise that you find it satisfactory to throw candy wrappers on the floor of your home, believing that they will eventually find their way under the couch. Mr. Manners is of the firm opinion that even young teens have social responsibilities and that adults of the community have not only the right, but the obligation to point out instances when adults-to-be violate these responsibilities. Therefore, Mr. Manners agrees with your girlfriend. Maybe you should both apologize to the “old coot” and start a teen litter pick-up on your block.



Dear Mr. Manners — The other day my neighbor and I had a rather heated discussion concerning leaving large items in the alley for bulk pickup. He wanted to leave an old mattress in the alley and bulk pickup is not for 3 weeks. I asked him politely to store the mattress until the third week of the month, but he told me in no uncertain terms to mind my own business. Was I out of line?

Dear Gentle Reader — No, I do not think you were out of line. Mr. Manners must confess that he, too, often places some items out in the alley just after bulk pickup. But he only places those items out that he believes will be “appropriated” by fellow residents—things like furniture, old toys, etc. that are in good condition. However, even then, if the items are not taken by the next morning, he either reclaims them to store until bulk pickup week or puts them into a dumpster. Items like mattresses are an entirely different

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Handing off the Baton

By Tricia Heliker



It's time again for election of officers to the TGHNA. There is never much fanfare. The baton moves quietly from resident to resident and the transition is seamless. The service these volunteers provide often goes unnoticed. This year Claudia Seifert will resign after five years as secretary of the association. Claudia and her husband Rich have been dedicated members since moving to Utah Street in 2006. Rich is ending a three year cycle as president elect, president, and past president. They have generously opened their house to two Grand South Grand House Tours and also the 2006 Autumn Fest. Together they handled ticket sales for Autumn Fest every year. They are promoters of our neighborhood through other organizations and have had their house on tour for Landmarks Association and an Arts and Crafts Society Tour. Rich has also served on various other committees such as the TGS safety committee and as liaison for The TGS Block Captains. They handle all tasks with utmost professionalism and get things done so quietly and perfectly that it often goes unnoticed. This seems like a good time to recognize and thank Claudia and Rich Seifert for their dedication to TGHN.

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Neighborhood Trash Etiquette

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question. No one is going to appropriate a used mattress and a wet mattress becomes a real eyesore. Mr. Manners believes that alleys are not dumps, but public spaces. You were quite correct in pointing out to your neighbor that the alley—even that area directly behind his house—is not his to do with as he pleases.

Dear Mr. Manners — My neighbors all think I have lost my “marbles” because I take a big trash bag and pick up the litter along the sidewalk at least once a week. What do you think?

Dear Gentle Reader — You have not lost your “marbles.” In fact, Mr. Manners—like Kant—believes that citizens have a “moral imperative” to pick up litter. While Mr. Manners is not as much of a believer in volunteerism as Speaker Gingrich was, he believed that it is unrealistic to think that the City has the time or the resources to do those things that the citizens themselves should be doing. Indeed, there would not be litter on the streets if all people were polite—but they are not. But to walk by litter is to condone its presence and how it got there in the first place. Moreover, not to take the time to keep on top of the trash problem creates an atmosphere that leads to other problems like crime. If anyone has lost their “marbles” it is your neighbors for not volunteering to take their turns.





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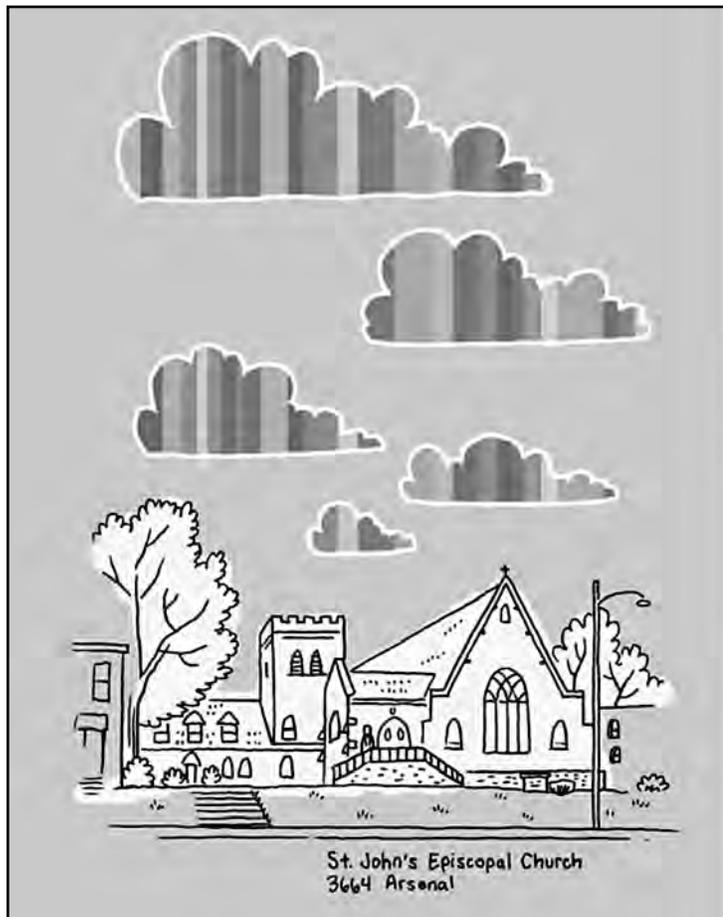
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Address	Date Sold	Price	DOM	Beds	Baths	Sq Ft
3802 Juniata	2/15/2013	69,859	323	5	1.5	1964
3806 Connecticut	2/14/2013	77,500	12	4	1.5	1632
3860 Wyoming	5/24/2013	83,500	88	3	2	1764
3811 Juniata	6/26/2013	100,799	5	3	1.5	1628
3859 Hartford	2/8/2013	142,500	137	4	1	2100
3832 Connecticut	3/28/2013	182,500	139	3	1.5	1680
3646 Wyoming	2/28/2013	187,000	171	5	1.5	2065
3877 Hartford	5/30/2013	219,900	28	4	1.5	1948
3859 Wyoming	7/23/2013	227,500	5	3	1.5	2100
3883 Hartford	4/29/2013	230,000	0	3	1.5	2094
3719 Juniata	2/22/2013	231,500	90	4	2.5	2040
3888 Hartford	6/6/2013	250,000	26	4	2	
3866 Hartford	7/1/2013	255,500	4	4	2.5	2000
3729 Connecticut	4/30/2013	265,000	52	3	2.5	2184
3885 Humphrey	2/7/2013	270,000	94	4	2.5	2730
3710 Humphrey	5/23/2013	295,000	46	3	2.5	2231
3847 Connecticut	5/23/2013	295,000	0	4	2.5	
3719 Humphrey	7/26/2013	322,500	36	5	3.2	2422
3720 Utah	5/3/2013	325,000	73	4	2.5	3316
3837 Wyoming	6/7/2013	326,000	49	5	2.5	2768
3838 Utah	1/17/2013	355,000	36	3	2.5	2560
3621 Utah	5/15/2013	418,000	2	4	3.5	2632
3717 Utah	3/27/2013	462,500	71	3	3.2	2911

Multi-Family Properties –

Address	Date Sold	Price	DOM	Sq Ft
3642 Wyoming	2/1/2013	87,717	10	2944
3626 Juniata	5/7/2013	91,000	8	
3878 Wyoming	5/6/2013	151,000	31	2916
3716 Wyoming	3/25/2013	154,500	82	2538
3852 Wyoming	4/29/2013	170,000	12	2682
3868 Juniata	5/24/2013	185,000	71	4800
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Tower Grove Park

As colder weather settles in at Tower Grove Park, we thought you might like to have an update on some of the projects and programs that have been underway here during 2013.

It was another busy summer at TGP, with all of our usual activities in full gear, and lots of special events that drew people from all over the region, and beyond. Festival of Nations broke their own records for attendance, and seems to be a great fit for our diverse neighborhood. Café Madeleine and The Farmers' Market continue to be popular, and a relatively new event, Food Truck Fridays (produced by Sauce Magazine), is growing in popularity.

The Friends of Tower Grove Park put on a hugely successful Martinis at the Mansion party in September at Shelley Donaho's Magic Chef Mansion. Proceeds from this event funded the restoration of one of the Park's most colorful and historic shelters, the Sons of Rest Pavilion.

Speaking of capital improvements, Emerson funded an extensive program of repaving for many of our walking and jogging paths, and the City funded a complete redo of six of our twelve hard-surface tennis courts.

Much of our effort this year was directed toward recovery from the horrific drought and heat of 2012. Thanks to a campaign initiated by David Kemper of Commerce Bank, we were able to raise the funds needed to remove the large number of dead trees, begin planting replacements, and install additional water spigots at key locations so that we are better able to respond to future bouts of severe weather.

In 2014, we look forward to helping the Park Friends celebrate their 25th anniversary, and to continuing to serve you and all our visitors to the very best of our ability. We hope that you enjoy the Park and visit often. The winter season has real charms for those who tune in to her special beauties.

See you in the Park!
John Karel





Happy Holidays

Happy New Year

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