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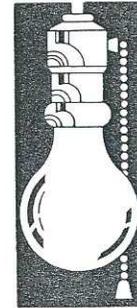
Tower Grove Heights Eighty Years Old and Still Growing

"Tower Grove Heights: The magic city, a city within a city, built up, as it was, within a period of less than four years. St. Louis can justly be proud of the achievements wrought. In our midst is beautiful Tower Grove Park with its chirping birds, sunken garden, beautiful foilage and world of flowers." These words were written July 2, 1908 by the president of the newly formed Tower Grove Heights Improvement Association, James M. Rollins (3702 Juniata). Eighty years have passed, and today, the newly formed Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association continues the celebration of pride in our neighborhood.

The concept of reforming the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association began in October of 1987. On November 9, 1987 the association obtained a not-for-profit status (known as 501C3). This status allows private donations to be tax deductible. As of

July 1st we have 100 plus paid members, five business members. St. John's Episcopal Church has donated their hall as a meeting place for the Association. Our open house, and first two general meetings have demonstrated the interest and concern the residents of Tower Grove Heights have in our community.

In a recent interview with the Associations president, Jean Iezzi, she stressed the importance of knowing your neighbors, working together to solve problems, and helping each other maintain and improve the neighborhood. Tower Grove Heights is one of the city's best kept secrets. The architectural treasures and sense of community here equal or surpass any area of the city. We hope that with the reformation of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association, our neighborhood will be recognized as a beautiful and desirable place to live.



Porchlight Safety

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From The Editors

After many months of hard work, we are pleased to present the inaugural issue of the Tower Grove Heights Gazette. The *Gazette* is brought to you by the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association and twenty hard working volunteers who have spent the last months planning, writing and selling advertising.

The *Gazette* will be delivered to all the residents in Tower Grove Heights. It will also be delivered to various public officials, news media, and businesses. The *Gazette* will be published bi-monthly in the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

The *Gazette* will be the pulse of your

neighborhood association. It will keep you up to date on the plans of the executive committee; it will be a source of information for upcoming events and a summary of those events you missed. It will include a column by Alderman Gerry Osborn that will keep you abreast on what is happening in your City government and how it affects you. There will be articles on crime prevention, renovation, city ordinances, etc.

On the lighter side, there will be a column highlighting area businesses, monthly tips on gardening and a recipe exchange where you can have your favorite recipe printed. Also, as a ser-

vice for residents, a classified section will allow you to advertise your wares for a minimal cost.

In the months of October, December and June, the *Gazette* will feature a "kids page". It will contain games, crosswords and coloring fun for our junior residents.

We hope you enjoy this first issue of the Tower Grove Heights Gazette. We look forward to your letters and comments.

Janice Nesser
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Tom Booth
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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.

Saturday, September 24th; come to the antique sale at the corner of Grand and Arsenal (in the parking lot). Food and antiques for sale from 10am to 4pm. Items not sold by 4pm will go on auction by 5pm.

In this inaugural issue of the *Gazette*, it seems appropriate to visit one of the newest businesses on Grand South Grand. The BA LE CAFE at 3210 Grand opened May 26th of this year. It's owner, Steven Trinh came to America eight years ago. In California, restaurants featuring French/Vietnamese cuisine are very popular. During visits to St. Louis, Trinh noticed that this type of restaurant could not be found. So, this seemed like the perfect place to introduce this cuisine. During the French involvement in Vietnam, languages, cultures and cuisines were blended. The BA LE (Vietnamese for sandwich) CAFE is a result of this blending. The house specialty is sandwiches on french bread with Vietnamese inspired meats and cheeses. The decor is a pleasant mix of Hi-Tech and Vietnamese. Several paintings depicting Vietnamese culture cover the walls. These very special works of art are the result of the combined efforts of two artists. One artist creates the painting, and a second artist seals the painting under countless coats of laquer with an additional border of black laquer. This scene of downtown Saigon 1986 is especially interesting. This pleasant and unusual cafe is open 7 days a week from 10am to 11:30pm. The BA LE CAFE is a perfect example of the eclectic atmosphere of Grand South Grand.



Missouri Botanical Garden

Everyday is special at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Floral displays, concerts, films, lectures, festivals, exhibits, performances and more are planned for your education and enjoyment. Call 577-5125 for information and schedules.

Autumn Festival Highlights Garden



"Aki Matsuri" or Autumn Festival is the theme of the 13th annual Japanese Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The Festival runs from August 27 to September 5.

"Aki Matsuri" is typically held in Japan from late August through early October. It is a time for relaxation before winter and also a time to give thanks for a bountiful harvest. "Aki Matsuri" involves solemn rituals, but also includes a joyous time of dancing, drumming and the performing arts.

At the Missouri Botanical Garden, there will be various Japanese dance groups, taiko drummer groups and koto (Japanese harp) playing featured on the weekends and on Labor day. Also during the weekends and on Labor day, there will be arts, crafts, souvenir booths and food stands on the Garden grounds. Running throughout the week in the Ridgway Center will be an array of craft demonstrations, an exhibit on festivals of Japan and exhibits of both Bonsai (miniature trees) and Ikebawa (flower arranging). Japanese movies are

scheduled for week day evenings.

The Japanese Festival revolves around Seiwai-En, the Japanese Garden. Seiwai-En (meaning a garden of pure, clear harmony and peace) with its 14 acres is the largest Japanese Garden in North America. Dedicated in 1977, it was designed by Professor Koichi Kawana, a native of Japan and lecturer in Environmental Design and Landscape Architecture at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The design of Seiwai-En is that of a 17th century stroll garden. Its curving paths around a 4½ acre lake, give the visitor different aspects of its beauty from varying points of view. Within the Japanese Garden there are traditional Japanese bridges, lanterns, Zen gardens and a sacred tea house. Tours of Seiwai-En are available each week during the Japanese Festival from 10am to 11:30am.

For more information on the festival and a schedule of events, call 577-5111 from 9am to 5pm on the weekdays and 9am to 7pm on the weekends.

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A Message From Alderman Geraldine Osborn

I welcome the formation of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association and I look forward to working with you to maintain and improve our neighborhood.

Please contact me if you see neighborhood problems which require City action. I am deeply concerned by the deterioration in City services which has occurred throughout the City in recent years. Services which were formerly provided on a systematic block-to-block basis are now provided only in response to complaints. This makes it more important than ever that you notify me or the City administration when you see a problem which requires City action. You cannot assume that the City will take corrective action unless you make sure that the problem has been reported.

I am constantly trying to get City action on building maintenance problems, sanitation problems, etc. However, there are problems in your neighborhood which I will not know about unless you tell me.

I succeeded in having almost the entire 15th Ward designated as a Conservation District. This means that residential property should be inspected whenever there is a change in ownership or occupancy. This should help to bring our residential property up to minimum housing standards. However, the effective implementation of this program depends on the assignment of enough inspectors to make timely inspections. We need to monitor this program to make sure it receives enough manpower and support.

Geraldine (Gerry) Osborn
773-8416 (Home)
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"Night Out" on Hartford Street

Tuesday evening August 9th, National Night Out took place for the first, but definitely not the last time on Hartford Street. Residents of the 3800 block of Hartford barricaded their street and for two hours became part of the nationwide program designed to heighten residents' awareness of crime prevention. Home-made ice cream from Kathy and Kevin Lanahan and Jean and Rich Iezzi helped to cool down the steam summer temperature. Fresh watermelon was plentiful and enjoyed by more than just the participants in the seed spitting

contest.

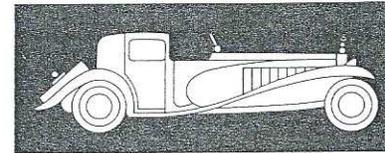
Among the games played, the water balloon toss drew the most contestants bringing foot traffic to a standstill with a display of Olympian prowess unequal in Hartford history. Block organizer Jean Iezzi was quoted in the local press media as saying she hoped the event would "get people to realize they should look out for one another".

It's intended that Night Out will help to bring neighborhoods together and convince them of how effective individuals can be in preventing crime.

Let Classifieds Work For You

Do you still hide the ceramic vase your mother-in-law made especially for you? Or maybe you've decided the VW bug has seen its' last cross-country trip.

If you always thought you could never let go of these treasures, think again. Tower Grove Heights Gazette offers you an inexpensive way to let go of them and drop some cash in the piggy bank too. An ad in the classified section



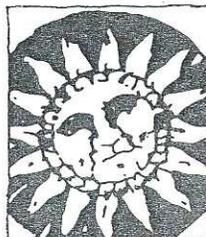
is yours to use as you like at the cost of \$1.25 for 2 lines and 50¢ per line thereafter. Let someone else enjoy those treasures, and you'll both enjoy the benefits.



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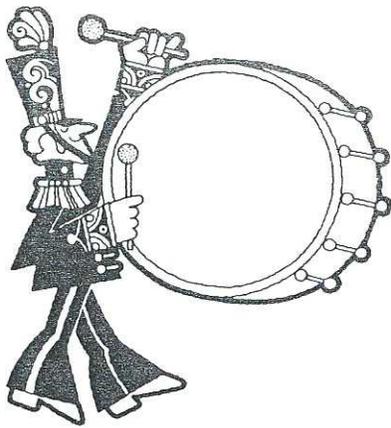


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Flying High On Hartford

A Block Party With Style

If you have lived on this street for more than a year, you couldn't miss the difference the morning of June 26th brought to 3700 block of Hartford. It wasn't only that fewer cars weren't in their usual places, but it was how the neighborhood children were running from place to place and asking busy

parents what time it was. It was the second annual 3700 Hartford block party and no one was more aware than the children.

This year's celebration began in grand style with a parade led by Bobbi Ohmer and Sue Stefauski. The flags were out, the music on, streamers and balloons were flying when 2:30 arrived and we began to march. There were children on two wheelers, three wheelers and big wheelers. The smiles and cheers announced the parades success.

The events primary focus is to get neighbors out and mixing with each other. Volleyball, a pot luck supper and ice cream making were part of the days activities.

But the sparkle in the childrens eyes came with the activities planned just for them. Steve Ohmer ran a fishing challenge. With a vegetable strainer in hand, the children would try to scoop boats out of a little pool that also had a whirlpool added for an extra challenge. All the kids won prizes with the dinosaurs being a big hit.

Sue Stefauski offered a penny pitch. A steady hand and a good supply of pennies was a winning combination in this event. Prizes of sunglasses, balls and bubbles made the winners very happy.

But, the big attraction this year had to be the pony rides. The same ponies that are at Tower Grove Park made an appearance at this years block party. For three dollars, children could ride the pony around the street.

Joyce Wellon and Patti Griesbaum sent faces away from their table happier and more colorful. They painted faces with dragons, rainbows, watermelons and anything else that people could come up with.

The day was quite a success. There were about 60 people in attendance. Neighbors met neighbors, the kids were happy and there was even some money left over for next years block party.



Pit Bulls Sighted

Three seperate incidents involving pit bulls have been reported in the Tower Grove Heights area. On the first occasion, two pit bulls entered a residents yard and killed a cat. Only a short time before that, a small child had been playing in the yard. The second incident involved on pit bull which attacked three other dogs. One of the dogs was injured, the others escaped unharmed when the neighbors chased the pit bulls away. The third incident involved one pit bull, which killed a dog.

Authorities have tracked down the

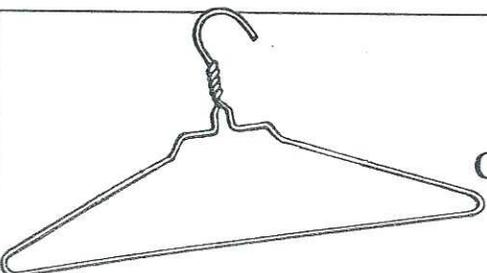
owner of one of the pit bulls. The owner has been instructed to restrain the dog or it will be confiscated.

Pit bulls, a normally placid breed of dogs, are often trained to attack and kill. They have extremely powerful jaws and, if provoked or trained to attack, will pursue their prey and with almost unstoppable determination attack and kill.

If you have any information about pit bulls or any breed of dog, not being properly restrained, report it to the Humane Society 647-8800.



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General Meeting Puts Spotlight On Crime

The last general meeting of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association was held on July 31 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3664 Arsenal.

Jean Iezzi, the association's President, opened the meeting with the introduction of State Representative Patrick Dougherty. Dougherty presented a brief overview of the issues on the August 2 ballot. He was followed by guest speaker, Officer Bill Vincente of the 3rd District St. Louis Police Department.

Vincente discussed several aspects of crime prevention and reporting. He stressed that you (the resident) are the greatest asset to crime prevention in your area. Some of the topics Vincente discussed were:

- Neighborhood watch programs — Residents need to become familiar with both usual and unusual activity, cars and people on your block.
- Household security — Leaving your porchlights on and having a dog are the best deterrents to crime. Also, residents should make sure their windows, doors and locks are in good repair.
- Actively assisting law enforcement — Report all potential crimes to "911". Be willing and able to describe the individuals involved in the crime. And above all, be willing to testify as a witness if called.

The committee chairpersons followed Vincente's talk with reports on their committees. They emphasized the ongoing need for volunteers.

Alderwoman Geraldine Osborn closed the meeting with a short address, followed by questions and answers. The next general meeting will be held on September 18 at 7pm at St. John's Episcopal Church. The guest speaker will be Michaeline Bolan of Citizens Against Crime. She will speak on how to prevent assault.

VOLUNTEER To Make A Difference

The Tower Grove Neighborhood has been around since 1904, but the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association is very new. And it needs your help if it is to grow and prosper. It needs your participation if it is to be more than a passing fad.

If you have paid your dues, that is a step in the right direction. But now we ask you to go one step further and volunteer your time on one of the committees.

Right now, the promotional and marketing committee is in dire need of volunteers. According to the committee chairperson, Jan Booth, they need residents to contact the realtors, who have listings on their block, informing them about the Association and to ask the realtors if we could leave information about the Association at their open houses.

The neighborhood's success or failure lies with each of us. The time to let the other guy do it is passed. You are the other guy.

Please contact any of the committee chairpersons below if you would like to volunteer your time.

Promotion & Marketing
Jan Booth 776-6270

Skill & Barter
Trish Heliker 773-7130

Tenant-Buyer Referral
Susie Gudermuth 771-7097

Neighborhood Improvement
Emily Machelski 772-5618

Business
Lenita Moore 771-3492

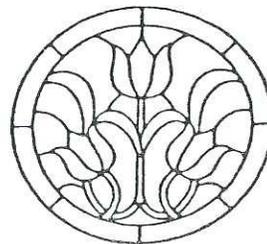
Newsletter
Janice Nesser 776-5780

JOIN TODAY!

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association yearly membership dues (per voting member) — \$5 Yearly business membership dues — \$25

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R E C I P E

Death By Hash Browns

(A recipe by Don Hardin)

- 2 lb. bag of frozen hash browns
- ½ cup of melted butter
- 2 tbs. of dried chopped onion
- ½ tsp. of pepper
- 1 tsp. of salt
- 1 can of cream of celery soup
- 2 cups of sour cream
- 2 cups of shredded cheddar
- Corn flakes

Mix all ingredients except corn flakes in a 9 x 13 pan. Cover with crumbled cornflakes. Pour ½ cup of additional butter over the top of the cornflakes.

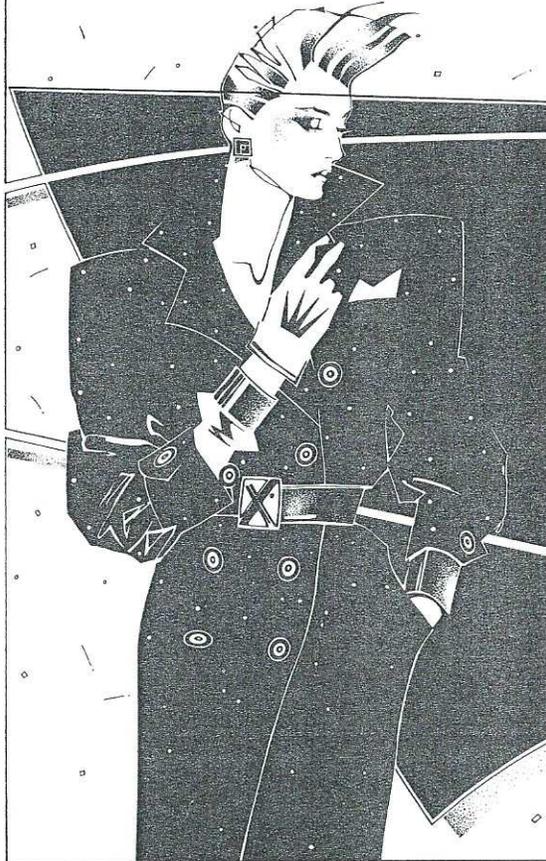
Bake at 350° for 60 minutes.

If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share with other Tower Grove Heights residents, send your recipes to:



RECIPES/THE GAZETTE
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CALENDAR

August, September, and October 1988

August 9 — January 8

North American Indian Basketry display — St. Louis Art Museum

August 21 — September 6

South Side YMCA Annual Building Shutdown

August 26 — September 2

Carondelet YMCA Annual Book Fair

August 27 — September 5

Japanese Fest at Missouri Botanical Garden

September 2 — November 27

19th Century French Prints display — St. Louis Art Museum

September 13

GED course begins at St. Louis Public Library — Carpenter Branch — Tuesday and Thursday, 9am — 12pm

September 18

TGH Neighborhood Association General Meeting — 7pm at St. John's Episcopal Church

September 19

Great Books Discussion at St. Louis Public Library — Carpenter Branch — 7pm *Death of Ilych* by Tolstoy

September 20

15th Ward Democrats monthly meeting

September 25

3rd District Police Appreciation Picnic — 2pm — 7pm in Tower Grove Park in Stupp Memorial area (14 neighborhoods participating, including Tower Grove Heights)

September 23 — October 30

New Sculpture by Six Artists displayed at St. Louis Art Museum

September 25

Compton Heights Concert Band plays at DeMenil House

September 27

Basic Writing course at St. Louis Public Library — Carpenter Branch. John Oldani instructs through the Thomas Dunn Memorial Classes — 6:30 — 8:30pm

September 28

Assertiveness Training course given at St. Louis Public Library — Carpenter Branch. Offered through Thomas Dunn Memorial Classes with Jean Alesi instructing — 1pm — 3pm.

October 16

TGH Neighborhood Association General Meeting — 7pm at St. John's Episcopal Church

October 18

15th Ward Democrats monthly meeting

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association

President: Jean Iezzi
Vice-President: Rich Iezzi
Second Vice-President: Jan Booth
Secretary: Leslie Coriell
Asst. Secretary: Jack Hurov
Treasurer: Steve Telford

Block Captains:

3600/3700

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Needs a block captain. Call Jean at 772-4987, if you are interested.