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South Grand Blvd., June 8, 2011, 5p.m. to 10p.m. - Diners from all over the St. Louis region will have the opportunity to sample the vast array of what South Grand restaurants and bars have to offer with its flagship event The International Dine Around.

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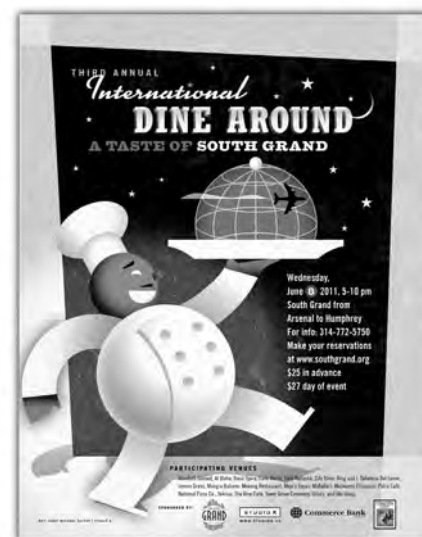
"The International Dine Around will give new and regular visitors to South Grand a chance to try something they don't normally eat or drink on South Grand," says Rachel Witt, Executive Director for the South Grand Community Improvement District. "The businesses on South Grand have really outdone themselves, showcasing amazing selections like a coconut curry soup, and a selection of amazing pastas. Whether you're a conservative eater or an adventurous one, this is an amazing event!"

Ticket books for the event are \$25 or \$27 the day of the event and can be purchased online or at the following South Grand salon and retail locations:

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Each ticket book comes with tickets for an appetizer, entrée, dessert, drink, and a Wild Card that can be used for any course other than entrée. The businesses urge event participants to arrive early to maximize their International Dine Around experience.

Event parking is available at the new South Grand Parking Lot, located at 3500 Hartford.



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(FORMER) RESIDENT - PROFILE:

Elaine Viets

by Marilyn Browning

I meet with Elaine Viets at the Missouri Writers Guild Conference, and note that she's wearing sunglasses? Masking a weeping bout? Hiding a black eye? Attempting to ward off autograph seekers?

"Allergies," Elaine says. "I taught my writing workshop this morning with streaming eyes." She briefly whips off the sunglasses to reveal the proof. Clearly the woman who was born and reared in the Saint Louis area has lost her taste for our unique combination of pollen and mold. The other thing she's lost her taste for is winter. For the last decade or more she's been living with her husband in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, taking long walks on the beach while the rest of us are shoveling snow off the sidewalks.

Long-time residents will remember Elaine as a columnist for the Saint Louis Post-Dispatch, writing about local issues and human interest stories. She also hosted the prime-time program Viets Beaton KMOV-TV, for which she won two Emmys in 1989 and 1990. They may also know her as the author of three bestselling mystery series—the Francesca Vierling mysteries, the Dead-End Job Mystery series, and the Josie Marcus, Mystery Shopper series.

Elaine was born in Saint Louis, and lived the first few years of her life there. She and her family moved out to the quiet, safe suburbs of Florissant when neighborhood crime was on the upswing, and she and her brothers had a nice Catholic upbringing. To her parents' generation the city was "for old people and criminals." Elaine still had a connection to the city through her grandparents, who lived on Scanlan near Chris' Pancakes. She loved visiting the exotic South Side, and dreamed of coming back to the city to live.

She went to St. Thomas Aquinas high school in Florissant, and from there to college and a degree in journalism. While in college she met her future husband Don H. Crinklaw, a fun guy from Marshalltown, Iowa, who also happened to be her college English teacher. "They didn't give us six months," she says, which just shows that your relatives don't know everything. This year, they'll be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

In 1974, Elaine finally got the chance to move back into the city with Don, and the place they bought was a rundown two-family flat on Utah Place. The rehabbing began. The ensuing years were a blur of plaster dust and contractors, a portion of which has been chronicled in her columns. When that experience finally palled, as it so often does, they sold the renovated house and moved into a second house on the same street that had already been rehabbed by Susie Gudermuth.

The two moved to Washington, D.C. in the mid 90's when Don got a job writing for the Washington City Paper. For a while, Elaine continued to write for the Post-Dispatch from Washington, but finally got an ultimatum—report for work in Saint Louis or be fired. She got fired, which she came to see as "the best thing that ever happened to me." She got a syndicated column carried by United Feature Syndicate, and later United Media. She also started writing murder mysteries.

Her first series drew on her newspaper experience and featured fictional St. Louis newspaper columnist Francesca Vierling. In one of those mysteries, The Pink Flamingo Murders, rehabbing played a central role, albeit a highly fictionalized one. Speculate all you want about who in the neighborhood might have inspired the characters, but the

word from Elaine is "any resemblance to persons living or dead is purely coincidental. My lawyer told me to say that!"

By the time she started her second series she and Don had moved to Fort Lauderdale, and Elaine was writing mysteries full-time. In The Dead-End Jobs Mystery series, her character Helen Hawthorne works a different low-paying job in each book—everything from telemarketer to hotel maid. The books are based in South Florida, and, just so you know, Elaine worked all those low-paying jobs as research for the novels.

In 2005, the third series hit the bookstores. Josie Marcus, Mystery Shopper is a single mom with both a mother and daughter to care for, who secret-shops area businesses and gets involved in one mysterious murder after another. The series is based in St. Louis, and Elaine's mom was the consultant, having been a secret shopper herself. Elaine tries to get back to the Saint Louis area a few times a year to visit friends, keep the books current, and to sample everything from Imo's Pizza to Ted Drewes custard to Gooney Louie butter cake. All this is in the name of writing accuracy, mind you.

Next to hit the bookstores is Elaine's tenth Dead-End Job Mystery, Pumped for Murder, in which Helen Hawthorne and new husband Phil start a private eye agency, and Helen takes a job at a fitness club to track a client's husband. And for Josie Marcus fans, Death on a Platter comes out in November of this year. Elaine promises a wedding ceremony for Josie in the future in that most romantic of places, Tower Grove Park. What makes these books so popular? With Elaine's special combination of wry humor, authenticity, and entertaining plot twists featured in all her books, faithful readers will agree that that's no mystery at all.

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BY
SUSIE
CLARK

How is your innate intelligence? Dr. Reiter, the lead doctor at Grand Chiropractic, says this is the premise of chiropractic practice – adjust the spine to make the body use it's innate intelligence to heal and return to normal function. As noted in part of their mission statement, "The purpose of treatment at this office is to enhance, enable and improve the performance of your innate intelligence." And you can tell by Dr. Reiter's intelligence toward the chiropractic field that he is someone you can trust with your neck and back issues.

Dr. Reiter's interest in chiropractic began at a young age. His father, Dr. Grant Reiter, was a Chiropractor and had an office in Manchester, Missouri for 40 years. But it wasn't until Dr. Reiter injured himself during college that he realized chiropractic was for him. Upon receiving treatment for his college injury, Dr. Reiter discovered how much of a difference chiropractic made with his injury and wanted to help others feel the same.

After graduating from Logan College of Chiropractic in 1980, Dr. Reiter and his wife Sue opened an office in Bonne Terre and went on to open two more offices in Ste. Genevieve and Cedar Hill giving two young doctors a chance to practice in their own clinic.

A Bonne Terre resident, Dr. Reiter hadn't thought much about opening another office until he and his wife went on a Washington Ave. condo tour with their friends. When they left the tour, they traveled west on Washington and made a left-hand turn onto Grand Ave. They instantly fell in love with South Grand. They loved the historic feel of the area and appreciated how well the neighborhood was established. They were also motivated to make this decision by their daughter, Dr. Alexia Hampton, who was finishing up with her chiropractic degree and was beginning her search for an office to practice in. Today, this third-generation Chiropractor now works side-by-side with her father at Grand Chiropractic.

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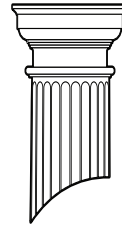
Taking a traditional approach towards chiropractic, Dr. Reiter also stays up-to-date with continuous educational classes. As a Chiropractor, Dr. Reiter can choose which classes he takes to enhance his treatment for his patients. Lately, Dr. Reiter has been focusing his extended learning on posture and nutrition. He says the reasoning behind choosing these classes combats one of the misconceptions about chiropractic. When patients complain that about pain after a chiropractic treatment, two reasons that can cause that pain are bad posture and poor nutrition. In taking these classes and sharing the knowledge with his patients, he can further help them get back to being healthy.

The staff at Grand Chiropractic pride themselves on making people healthier and they have been recognized for their efforts through the Five-Star Quality Service Honor from Integrity Management for achieving a level of service, maintaining ethical standards and disclosing patient costs upfront.

When he's not helping his patients feel better, Dr. Reiter enjoys being a grandfather of two kids, Olivia and Cameron. He is also a 10-year member of the St. Louis Metro Singers, performing two concerts a year at St. Antony of Padua. If you'd like to see Dr. Reiter outside of the office, you can catch him performing on June 11th with the St. Louis Metro Singers at Lindbergh High School at 7:30 p.m. Otherwise, feel free to stop in for a consultation. He offers his advice for free!



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Residents who receive their City water bills in September will also see the City's new solid waste services fee on the same bill. As of July, 2010, per a new Ordinance, the City of St. Louis is charging a fee of \$11 per dwelling unit per month for City residential solid waste services. Households that receive their water bills in September will also be billed for July and August solid waste services fees. Citizens will receive four combined water/trash bills per year.

Maintaining safe, clean neighborhoods is City government's number one priority. Most tax dollars go for public safety and neighborhood services. But, the terrible economy and rising public employee pension costs left the City with a \$46 million budget shortfall in the last fiscal year. Last winter, the City tried cutting back on trash services. The experiment failed miserably. Streets and alleys started looking bad – and citizens hated it. So, instead, City leaders chose to institute a modest charge for solid waste services and preserve the comprehensiveness and quality of these services.

Starting this past July, City residents are charged \$11/month per dwelling unit for solid waste services. Most County residents pay more and get fewer services than what the City services provide. City services include:

- Twice weekly collection of solid waste
- Monthly pickup of bulky items, including tires, batteries, furniture, appliances, etc.
- Drop off of one load per month of additional refuse/bulk/yard waste at the transfer station
- Weekly collection of yard waste during the growing season
- In neighborhoods that want it, residents will receive one pickup of single stream recyclable solid waste and one pickup of "regular" solid waste per week.
- Increased law enforcement of illegal dumping

The City will begin implementing single-stream recycling services in some neighborhoods within the next few months.

If you have questions about your bill, recycling services, or to report illegally dumped items, please call the Citizens' Service Bureau at (314) 622-4800. If you witness illegal dumping in progress, please call the Police Department's non-emergency hotline at (314) 231-1212.

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REHABBING WITH RICH

Not a lot to start with

BY
RICH IEZZI

When I first stopped by Mimi and Steve Haag's house at 3731 Hartford to ask about doing this article, Mimi immediately began explaining all the work that went into their project. My first comment was a disappointing, 'Gee, it doesn't look like it needed too much'. That's both a compliment and an irritant to people who have spent six months or more transforming a complete wreck into a beautiful space.

Steve and Mimi came here in 2009 but previously lived in a 120 year old house in Kirkwood. They decided to rehab a house that would combine their tastes and went looking for a project. After visiting several houses, one thing remained constant when they saw 3731 Hartford. "We had neighbors talk to us every time we came here", relates Steve. On three different visits, three different groups of neighbors spoke with them. Steve added, "That was the community feeling we were looking for" along with living near a green space (Tower Grove Park) and a business district (South Grand).

Mimi showed me the before pictures of the house revealing the 'remodeling' that so many city houses went through. Original woodwork was either painted or removed, all ceilings were 'dropped' and any existing charm was ripped out. There was no fireplace mantle, no gracious staircase and no functionality. But then again, it was a perfect house to rehab.

Steve and Mimi moved out of the Hartford house for four months while Steve immersed himself in the demo. This meant that all the furniture and nice things had to be stored in the basement or garage 'to keep them from getting clobbered', explains Mimi.

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There were plenty of goofy things to correct. They found floor tiles stuck on the living room chimney breast, black paint covering the staircase, the tops of windows hidden and a gloppy, concrete looking material that covered most walls.

But Mimi and Steve are worker bees. When I stopped by recently, Steve had sledge hammered the back concrete walk and Mimi was planting the 18" chunks to form a new pathway. So taming textured walls was no big deal. "We floated plaster over it, then did some sanding", beamed Mimi.

My favorite part of the design was the removal of the kitchen/dining room wall that opened up the entire rear half of the house. And the support beam that usually sticks out is clean out of sight----good job. As with a lot of these projects, much of the difficult work, such as relocating HVAC ducts, etc. is hidden behind the walls.


When I asked Mimi the required 'would you do it again?' question, the Freudian slip that immediately came out was 'NO!' But then she told me how much she enjoyed moving back in when everything was fresh and clean.

I think the other part of this story is why Steve and Mimi choose to buy in Tower Grove Heights. Interestingly, it's for the same reasons people have moved here over the past 100 years: a sense of community, green space and a business district. And nothing can compete with residents talking up their neighborhood to prospective buyers. Way to go, neighbors!



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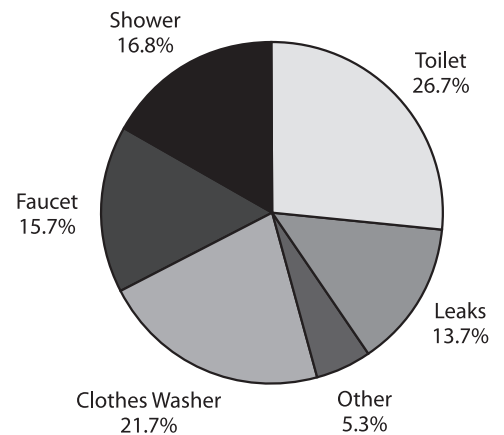
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Water Sense

Those of us that live in Saint Louis are lucky when it comes to water. Our water is cheap and abundant, and comes out of the tap tasting great. Nevertheless, it pays to be kind to our environment and to use water mindfully. In general, Americans use large quantities of water inside their homes. The average family of four can use 400 gallons of water every day, and, on average, approximately 70 percent of that water is used indoors.

How Much Water Do We Use?



Source: American Water Works Association Research Foundation, "Residential End Users of Water." 1999

The bathroom is the largest consumer of indoor water. The toilet alone can use 27 percent of household water. Almost every activity or daily routine that happens in the home bathroom uses a large quantity of water.

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Outside the bathroom, there are many opportunities to save water. Here are some common water efficiency measures, along with a few solutions to those problems you may not have known existed:

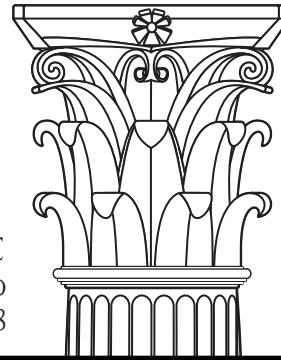
- High-efficiency washing machines can conserve large amounts of water. Traditional models use between 27 and 54 gallons of water per load, but new, energy- and water-conserving models (front-loading or top-loading, non-agitator ones) use less than 27 gallons per load.
- Washing the dishes with an open tap can use up to 20 gallons of water, but filling the sink or a bowl and closing the tap saves 10 of those gallons.
- Keeping a pitcher of water in the refrigerator saves time and water instead of running the tap until it gets cold.
- Not rinsing dishes prior to loading the dishwasher could save up to 10 gallons per load.

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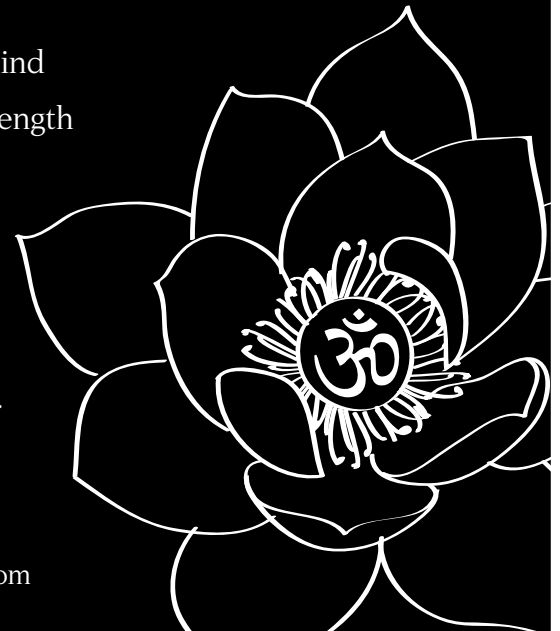
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People QuickFacts

	St. Louis city	Missouri
Population, 2009 estimate	356,587	5,987,580
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2009	2.4%	7.0%
Population estimates base (April 1) 2000	348,189	5,596,684
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2009	7.1%	6.7%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2009	22.3%	23.9%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2009	11.1%	13.7%
Female persons, percent, 2009	52.5%	51.1%
White persons, percent, 2009 (a)	48.0%	84.9%
Black persons, percent, 2009 (a)	48.2%	11.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2009 (a)	0.3%	0.5%
Asian persons, percent, 2009 (a)	2.1%	1.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2009 (a)	Z	0.1%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2009	1.4%	1.5%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2009 (b)	3.1%	3.4%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2009	45.5%	81.8%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000, pct 5 yrs old & over	50.7%	53.6%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	5.6%	2.7%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5 +, 2000	8.6%	5.1%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25 +, 2000	71.3%	81.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25 +, 2000	19.1%	21.6%
Persons with a disability, age 5 +, 2000	79,457	973,637
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 +, 2000	25.1	23.8
Housing units, 2009	181,497	2,682,066
Homeownership rate, 2000	46.9%	70.3%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2000	56.2%	20.0%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$63,900	\$89,900
Households, 2000	147,076	2,194,594
Persons per household, 2000	2.30	2.48
Median household income, 2008	\$33,993	\$46,847
Per capita money income, 1999	\$16,108	\$19,936
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2008	23.5%	13.5%

Business QuickFacts

	St. Louis city	Missouri
Private nonfarm establishments, 2008	8,928	152,440
Private nonfarm employment, 2008	248,732	2,472,902
Private nonfarm employment, percent change 2000-2008	-5.6%	3.1%
Nonemployer establishments, 2008	17,485	381,644
Total number of firms, 2002	22,095	439,485
Black-owned firms, percent, 2002	16.2%	3.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native owned firms, percent, 2002	S	0.7%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2002	3.5%	1.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.0%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2002	1.2%	0.8%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2002	31.5%	27.4%
Manufacturers shipments, 2002 (\$1000)	8,399,039	92,909,173
Wholesale trade sales, 2002 (\$1000)	10,618,881	95,603,561
Retail sales, 2002 (\$1000)	2,821,962	61,861,163
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$8,127	\$10,891
Accommodation and foodservices sales, 2002 (\$1000)	1,033,254	8,607,025
Building permits, 2009	254	10,056
Federal spending, 2008	13,901,853	60,829,065

Geography QuickFacts

	St. Louis city	Missouri
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	61.92	68,885.93
Persons per square mile, 2000	5,616.0	81.2
FIPS Code	510	29
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area	

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race. (b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

FN: Footnote on this item for this area in place of data
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Source: US Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts

TGH - NEW Bumper Logo

By
Rich Iezzi



My daughter Carolyn and new son-in-law Chris Campbell recently married and moved into Tower Grove Heights. They were telling me how much they like the 'Heights (of course!) but then Carolyn said, "What you guys need is a sticker with the TGHT's logo". Husband Chris is part owner of 'Threads', an embroidery business that also does screen printing, etc. so he took the TGHT's logo to work and, presto, came up with the new official Tower Grove Heights sticker.

The stickers aren't for sale---they will be given away. "We want to get as many stickers displayed as possible and selling them would just slow things down", says Chris.

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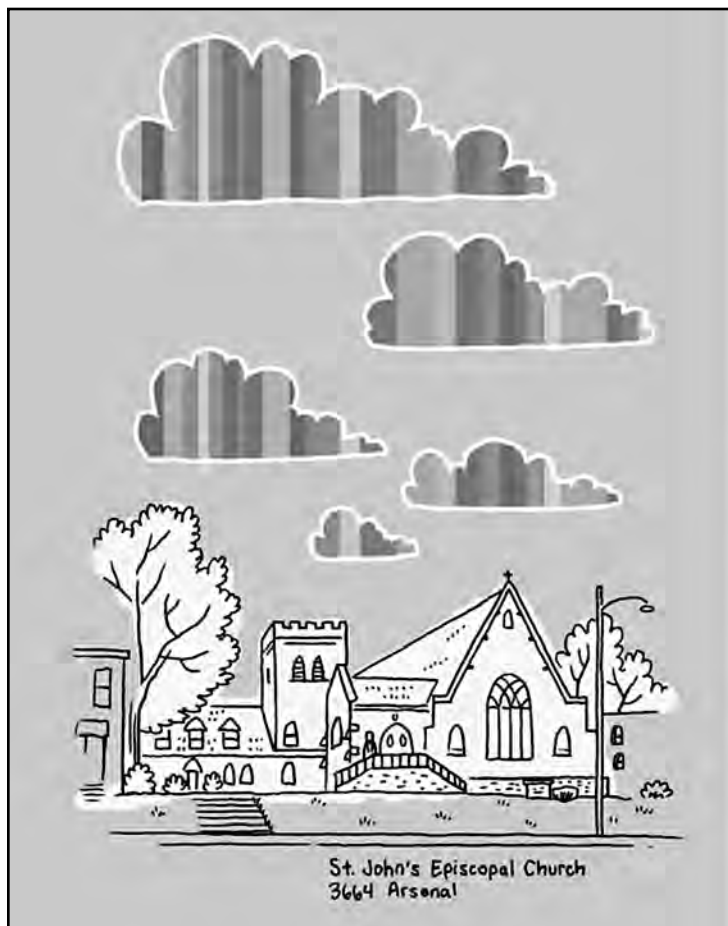
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by Debby Ervin

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