

Remodeling Your Home? Consult the Experts!

By Nigel
Holloway

We live in a beautiful, distinctive neighborhood and work hard to keep it that way. Homes more than a century old sometimes need to be modernized and refurbished, often at great expense. To provide some ideas on remodeling trends and some advice, Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association invited local experts to its monthly meeting on March 26. The panel consisted of Patrick Weber of Aesh Design; Christopher Thiemet of Circa Properties; Patti Aleto and Andrew O'Dell of Aleto Construction Group; Andrew Keener of St. Louis Real Estate Society; Diana Regan of Signature Kitchen & Bath, who was the moderator.

With decades of combined experience, this was a panel worthy of the Heights—people who deeply appreciate the original workmanship of our homes and the “great bones” that needed to be preserved. It’s rare to find an entire neighborhood like ours that is architecturally intact.

One panelist emphasized that it was very hard to do “a light renovation.” You can get in over your head very quickly, as one thing leads to another. First, it’s the wainscoting. If you try to remove it, chunks of wall often come away, as well. Then there’s the plumbing stack, potentially ancient electric wiring, and so on. Try to think a few steps ahead before you start on a project. It is essential to hire a building contractor who has a lot of experience remodeling these types of houses.

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Free Native Plants and Rain-Barrels!

By Peggy
Hoelting

Have you ever thought of replacing your lawn with native plants, getting a rain barrel, or managing water in your yard with a rain garden? When thinking about these things, did you know that you may be able to get MSD to cover the costs?

The Metropolitan Sewer District has teamed up with the Missouri Botanical Garden to offer the Rainscaping Small Grants Program. Eligible residents can apply for a grant for up to \$4000. Funds are available to private landowners, community organizations, schools, and churches. The program’s purpose is the reduction in the volume of storm water that flows into our sewer system.

Stormwater runoff is created by hard surfaces that cannot absorb water, like concrete and compacted soils. Every time it rains, storm water flows down roofs, driveways, and other impervious surfaces, sometimes flooding basements or collecting in low spots. Other runoff continues toward the street, picking up soil, pesticides, oils, and other contaminants before it enters the sewer system.

Rainscaping reclaims storm water naturally using simple techniques to manage and filter rainwater where it falls, allowing the area to slowly absorb the water over time instead of creating stormwater runoff. Rainscaping can be achieved through rain gardens, catch

Rainscaping results in your plants being watered by rain water, which has more nitrogen, oxygen, and carbon dioxide than tap water and a neutral pH.

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CUPID'S ARROW

By Tricia
Heliker

Tower Grove Heights couples share their stories of how they met (continued from the last issue). Proof that the arrow does not necessarily fly in a straight line.

Couple #6 I met my wife when I recovered a wash cloth from the dryer of the community laundry room in our apartment building. I tracked down the owner only to find out she lived directly across the hall from my apartment. We merged into each other's group of friends and became buds. At times we even confided in each other about the people we were dating. Gradually, (4 yrs. later) we realized we were meant for each other. We have now been married for forty years and we still have that washcloth



Couple #7 In my early 50's I found myself suddenly single and stunned. I was very fortunate to have a take charge friend who encouraged me to get out and meet new people. This friend was outgoing, talented and very gracious. She had the ability to gather people together. One way was by throwing parties for singles and inviting them to bring acquaintances including someone they might have gone out with but did not pursue. Her theory was that someone else might. To facilitate the process she placed a legal pad on the baby grand and instructed everyone to leave their name and a way to reach them if they were interested in being contacted by anyone at the party. I arrived alone. Rather quickly I was drawn to engage in conversation with one specific gentleman in the room. I soon realized this was a man I very much wanted to see again. I marched over to the piano and jotted my info on the pad. By the following Tuesday he had contacted me and I am now married to that very special and wonderful man. Interestingly we are the only couple that developed from any of my friend's parties.

Couple #8 HE: We met at a high school dance where I had a gig playing lead guitar in an air band. She must have thought I hit all the right notes. I thought she made a nice groupie.

SHE: He got it mostly right on this one. He failed to mention the air band was U2 and I was dating "Bono" at the time. A few months later my romance with the lead singer was off and "The Edge" (guitar player) and I were on our way to happily ever after :)

Couple #9 One summer day He walked into the gallery that I shared with five other artists. I was there that day because I was filling in for the art student that ran the shop on a daily basis. My inner voice was saying "wow!" He was in town for a seminar/workshop and was buying gifts for his colleagues.

He was charming, gorgeous, and funny. We talked on the front porch of the shop as he was preparing to leave and I learned he was in graduate school in another state. I felt absolutely assured that this man was coming back into my life sometime, although, I knew he was leaving town the next day. He left flowers for me the following day but that fact was not relayed to me and I only found out about it much later. It was a few months later when he called to order more work. Again I just happened to be there. Turns out our phone numbers were identical save one number. A few months went by before he called me at home. "I fell in love with you the minute I walked in." was all I heard. We talked every day, wrote letters and he came for a visit on spring break. We were married in May, many, many years ago!

Couple #10 Back about 30 years ago, I was renting a house with a group of girls and my voice was on the home phone message machine. A friend of one of my roommates liked

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the sound of my voice and asked my roommate for an introduction, so she invited him to a Super Bowl party we were throwing. We went out a couple times, but I started dating someone else for about six months. Then one evening I was out on a horrendous blind date when I ran into him again. He looked good! Turns out he had moved back home and was getting some proper nutrition. This time I got his number and called to ask him out. He accepted and here we are.

Couple #11 This couple knew of each other socially but were both in relationships at the time. Along the way, they became available again and friends invited both to the same dinner group thinking they would hit it off. It was not an instant connection at this meeting but the interest was there. A second group meeting also went sideways but neither gave up. The third time was a charm. They skipped the group gathering and met for dinner, just the two of them. That's what it took for these two to figure out they were meant for each other.

GOOD GAZETTE THINGS

After the Spring Gazette hit the streets last March, we had some good feedback. Andrew Wanko, Public Historian of the Mo. History Museum, wrote about 'Loving your Alley' and several readers contacted the Gazette saying they liked what they read. Even better, Aldi's dropped off a gift basket to express their thanks for the article written by Greta Reitenbach. Keep those cards and letters (and gift baskets) coming.

Then, somewhat suspiciously, after Sarah Truckey wrote her great article about going carless ("The Most Carless Person I know"), there was an almost identical article that later appeared in our only St. Louis newspaper. Hmmmm.



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GETTING A HAIR CUT AND SO MUCH MORE

By Rich
lezzi

I've had my hair cut at the Wyoming Barbershop for years. Currently, Marco Valentino runs it but the barbershop has been on S. Grand since 1908 and is its oldest continuous business.

Before Marco owned it, getting a haircut could be adventurous. Years ago, a barber I'd never seen before launched into a political tirade as I sat in his chair. I walked out halfway through my cut.

"Years ago, a customer started speaking inappropriately to me and I ripped off his apron halfway through the cut and told him to get out,"

These days, Anna Shearer cuts my hair. I call her Blonde Anna because another Anna works at the shop and they both sound identical over the phone.

Like any other business relationship, there's a learning curve. Anna is firm in the old-fashioned way and I like that. But I've also gotten myself in trouble. One time, I walked in a few minutes late for my appointment. Big mistake. Blonde Anna was sitting in her chair – where I should have been sitting. She looked right through me. I was never late again.

On another occasion I was chatting away with her when she interrupted me with "You cut your bangs, didn't you?!" Never argue with a anyone holding a straight razor to the back of your neck.

You also have to realize who you're talking to. I was telling her a story about a friend of mine when she stopped me and finished the story. Oops – I didn't realize she also cut *his* hair.

Anna has cut hair for 15 years, does about 16 cuts a day and always wanted to be a barber. "With a last name of Shearer, it makes sense," she told me.

The barbershop cuts men's, women's and children's hair but kids are the worst. "They tend to wiggle around a lot."

The worst thing that can happen to a barber is people not showing up for their appointment. Anna explained, "We lose all the money for the cut." Sometimes she's alone in the shop while cutting hair and that can present problems. "Years ago, a customer started speaking inappropriately to me and I ripped off his apron halfway through the cut and told him to get out," she fumed.



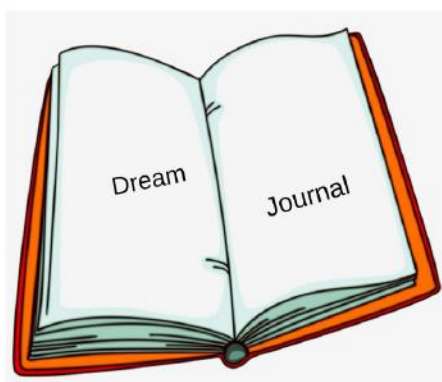
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WHY WE DREAM

By Tricia
Heliker

If you were to google *Books on Dream Interpretation*, approximately 60 titles would pop up and that's just the tip of what you could uncover with a little research. Another way to learn what your dreams are about is to take a class. If you are fascinated like I was when I took a class over 35 years ago, then join a group or form one of your own. Back in the eighties when the class I took ended, a few members asked the instructor if there would be a follow up class. As a result, she formed a group of interested students and two of those first members are still a part of our original group. We met once a week for some time and then, as our responsibilities changed, we switched to once a month. Membership changed over all those years as people's lives changed, but the group never stopped meeting. I believe that's a strong testament to how important the introspection of dream

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work is to each of us. Some members who have moved occasionally attend a meeting when they are back in town.

The approach to dream interpretation is varied but the one non variable for me is that the approach and the interpretation must

resonate with me. Our approach has always been to offer our input to someone else's dream by prefacing it with, "If it were my dream..." That allows the dreamer to accept or reject the suggestion depending on how it resonates with them. This brings up another point that has been proven over and over. We all learn something about ourselves by listening and discussing someone else's dream.

There are some things we have come to accept as standard. One is that everyone and everything in the dream represents a part of the dreamer and all parts of the dream are clues to help the dreamer decipher what their own subconscious mind is attempting to bring into their consciousness. The mind stores things that are blocked from our awareness. Dreams use symbols to slip information past any barriers we may have built. Sometimes interpretation is easy. We wake up, maybe not even remembering the dream but with a realization that we know what to do about a situation that has been on our mind. Other times it takes a recurring dream or even a nightmare to get our attention to explore something that we don't even realize is causing us pain, doubt, confusion, anger...the list goes on.

Keeping a dream notebook is extremely helpful. It sets the intention that remembering the dream is important. Putting the dream on paper is often where the first clues present themselves. It can be a play on words, the repetition of a certain word, or an expression that is not normally a part of our vocabulary. Writing the dream helps to reclaim details from our memory that might be lost in the retelling.

Dreams are often illusive. By the time we shower we may have lost much of the dream, so it's important to write it immediately upon awakening even if that happens to be in the middle of the night. Keeping a dream diary is also helpful in making connections between dreams or seeing patterns in our dreaming. If a particular person appears in a dreams on a recurring basis and it seems like the character represents loyalty each time, then you might have the beginning of your personal dream dictionary. There are some clues in dreams that are pretty universal. For example, water is generally considered to represent emotions. Whether the water appears as a downpour, a gentle snowfall, an iceberg, sleet, hail, a meandering river, a choppy lake, a moat or a bathtub will be an integral clue to the interpretation of that emotion.

We always start our gatherings with a little catch up conversation over coffee and then move into listening and discussing dreams. What has become very apparent is that many times after dissecting the parts of the dream and listening to the dreamer's response, we realize the very thing the dream is about is something the dreamer mentioned in our earlier conversation. Proof that dreams really are offering awareness that will help us with whatever is going on in our lives.

Anyone interested in taking a class, joining a group or working with someone privately on your dreams? I highly recommend contacting Noeli Lytton. Noeli and I are the two original members of our group. She has an extensive background teaching subjects that are helpful with dream exploration. She also has many years of experience working with dreams, teaching classes and helping individuals establish their own dream groups. nlytton@charter.net

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Anna said her experience as a bartender was helpful in becoming a barber. "People tell their bartenders and barbers everything. It's like a confessional," she confessed. Do they ever break down and cry when they're in the chair? I asked. "All the time," says Anna. She continued with, "I hear way too much."

While getting your hair cut too short can be traumatic, barbers try to prevent it from happening again by recording the wrong cut next to the correct one in the customer's file. Occasionally, a customer gets halfway through their cut and doesn't like it. "That's a problem," concludes Blonde Anna. One of the more s-e-n-s-i-t-i-v-e topics is men sticking their elbows out too far. "I give them a pat telling them to put those elbows in," says Anna. "They get one pat."

The convenience and character of the Wyoming barbershop are just more reasons that people love our neighborhood. You'll enjoy having Blonde Anna, Anna or Marco cut your hair. Just remember to show up on time – and don't wiggle.



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Be aware that local building codes changed in 2018. If the house requires an official inspection, then you will need to install hard-wired and interconnected smoke detectors in all bedrooms and hallways, even if the remodeling project is unrelated to this.

The panelists discussed the very popular trend toward an open plan on the first floor. It's a flipper's delight, even though it might produce a rather soul-less appearance, to some people. You may love the idea of being able to keep your eye on the kids while preparing a meal. But others may want a pocket door; it cuts down on the sound when you have dinner guests and you don't want to disturb the children sleeping on the floor above. In certain cases, a compromise is possible, by achieving the visual depth of an open plan, while closing off parts of the area at times, when some privacy is needed. And, of course, if a load-bearing wall is removed, it will need to be replaced by strong supports.

Which remodeling projects have the highest return on investment? A new kitchen or bathroom was quickly mentioned. In one panelist's view, installing new windows doesn't seem to enhance the resale value. The most frequently requested addition is a deck or porch to connect the house to the garden. There was a word of warning about creating a master bedroom-bathroom suite on the third floor: It can be a challenge to sell a house where the only master bedroom is at the top. Powder rooms on the first floor are also popular, but can be hard to squeeze in.

What about remodeling for older residents or those with disabilities? Creating a first-floor master bedroom at the back of the house is one option, although it may restrict access to the rear garden. Wheelchair access from the street or the rear garden is a challenge, needing a 36-inch-wide ramp and doorway. Some homeowners have installed elevators, but it's very hard to execute in most Tower Grove homes.

The chief lesson of the discussion was that it is easy to underestimate the cost and difficulty of a high-quality renovation in our neighborhood. So, from the outset, it is worth obtaining the advice of an expert who understands the challenges, some of which are likely to be hidden. We owe it to our century-old homes to take great care with renovations.



Tower Grove Park Preps for Eventful Summer Season

By Michelle Lawrence

Tower Grove Park
Communications

Welcome, summer! Celebrate the season with a visit to Tower Grove Park. From updated infrastructure, to summer parties by the lily ponds, to brand new venue features, the Park has something for everyone. Who can resist the tranquil woodlands, blooming flowers, and colorful pavilions?

You may have noticed construction at the pedestrian intersections since early spring. As part of the Neighborhood Access Improvement Project, the construction will bring all 21 intersections to ADA code, while making them safer for all users entering and exiting the Park. There will also be a special crossing the Missouri School for the Blind.

The exciting \$1+ million project is made possible through a combination of City, MODOT, federal, and Transportation Alternative Program grant funds. The preliminary construction schedule estimates the City of St. Louis will complete the paving of Arsenal St. between S. Grand Blvd. and S. Kingshighway Blvd. in late summer/early fall of 2019.



While we eagerly await the new intersections, we don't want summer to end! Join revelers on June 22 for Pavilion Party. Hosted by the Young Friends, the Park fundraiser features beer, wine, cocktails, yard games and live music at the Piper Palm House, Music Stand, and lily pond plaza. Seed Sprout Spoon will bring irresistible Korean BBQ tacos and more. All funds raised support restoration and enhancement of your favorite Park. Tickets are available online at towergrovepark.org/party.

The Park partners with many renowned institutions in St. Louis, including the International Institute, Sauce Magazine and Tower Grove Farmers' Market, to help bring the community world-class festivals and celebrations. Festival of Nations returns Aug. 24 and 25 with global goods and cultural cuisine for the whole family. On select Fridays, Sauce Food Truck Fridays fill the Park with picnicking. The all-time favorite of Farmers' Markets brings local and regional vendors every Saturday morning and Tuesday evening. It's a busy, action-packed summer at Tower Grove Park!

The public events are not the only exciting happenings. Renovations to our venues will make private events more accessible and affordable. Completed in 1896, at the corner of Tower Grove and Magnolia Avenues, the Director's Residence was intended to be the home of the Park superintendent. Three generations of the Gurney Family lived in the home over 100 years. It features combined elements of neoclassical and Italianate styles popular at the time Henry Shaw had it constructed. The entryway staircase was restored in the spring of 2019, a laborious project that followed the National Park Service's guidelines for historic preservation.

Now the Director's Residence is used for exclusive private events and rentals. Guests can rent the residence for their bridal suite as part of the complete wedding package at the Piper Palm House. To learn more, visit towergrovepark.org/venues.

Finally, if you enjoy the festivals and summer foliage of Tower Grove Park, consider joining as a member. Membership supports our community and conservation efforts. It's the easiest way to give back to the Park you love. Enjoy the bustling season and make time to visit the Park.

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basins, rain barrels, green roofs, permeable pavements, and lawn substitutes.

Rain gardens with native plants are an ideal habitat for native birds, butterflies, pollinators, and other wildlife. Native plants are more tolerant of the climate, soil, and water conditions in our region, so once established they are easier to care for.

Rainscaping results in your plants being watered by rain water, which has more nitrogen, oxygen, and carbon dioxide than tap water and a neutral pH. In addition, chlorine, fluoride and sodium in tap water can inhibit the uptake of nutrients, reducing plant growth and health.

In order to apply for a grant, you must 1) live in the designated area 2) attend a Landowner Orientation 3) plan your garden and source materials 4) complete and submit a Small Grant application form.

All Tower Grove Heights residents live in the qualifying area. At the orientation workshop, you will get guidance on filling out the application, grant timeline, plant selection and design, and garden maintenance. You can plan your own garden and source your own materials, or you can get a bid from an authorized contractor who can do the planning and installation for you.



PEGGY'S 500 GALLON
RAIN BARREL

Your application will need to include a list of plants and materials you will be using with prices, sizes and quantities, maintenance plan, scale drawing and photos. Applications are due by August 1st, 2019. Approved gardens need to be completed in the Fall of 2019 or the Spring of 2020. After your installation and final paperwork are complete, you will be reimbursed for your expenses. For more information, go to projectclearstl.org/rainscaping.

We received a grant during the 2018-2019 session. With the grant money, we were able to replace our front lawn with all native plants and install two 500-gallon rain barrels. We love the biodiversity of our native garden and don't miss mowing the front lawn every



week. We use the collected rainwater for our raised bed vegetable gardens and chickens. Feel free to contact me for a tour!

Peggy Hoelting and her husband Jeff live in Tower Grove South. Peggy is a garden coach and consultant. www.gardeneditstl.com 314-616-5142

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TGHT'S BIGGEST BLOCK PARTY IS BACK

By Patrick
Weber

Mark your calendars now - Tower Grove Heights' biggest party is returning this year on the evening of Saturday, September 7th!

Following the success of the 30th Anniversary Block Party in 2017, the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association board voted to alternate Autumnfest and the block party annually. The block party is a great opportunity to bring Tower Grove Heights residents of all ages together for music, drinks, food and fun.



A neighborhood-wide version of the traditional block party, this year's event will be centered at the intersection of Spring and Connecticut. A bike parade and street Zumba class will kick-off this year's event. Live

music and drinks will be featured all evening. Giant yard games, a neighborhood scavenger hunt and kids' activities

will appeal to kids of all ages. The Heights' pot-luck is a great opportunity to showcase your favorite recipes or try something new and to showcase the diversity of our neighborhood.

The planning team is getting excited about this year's block party, but we need your help to make it a success. Are you interested in getting involved in this year's event? Volunteers are needed to help plan and implement the different events of the block party and to work a couple hours on the day of

the event. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Patrick Weber at patrick@aeshdesign.com or (314) 354-6063. Event / Activity ideas and sponsors are always welcome.



Watch for more information on the neighborhood association's website www.towergroveheights.com throughout the summer. And we will see you at the block party on September 7th!

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LIFE BEYOND THE CUL-DE-SAC: GROWING UP AS A CITY KID

By Greta
Reitenbach

Many of the people reading this article probably grew up as I am right now, living in the hustle and bustle of a city. But some of you maybe grew up in a small town, or even in a rural area. Little did you know, you are actually the minority. An estimated fifty-five percent of people today live in cities like St. Louis. Since children make up 23 percent of the population (at least in the US), there is a little more than 7.5 million children living in urban areas around our country.

Although we may lead very different lives, we all have some similarities. For example, we all have to endure the “How do you sleep with all this noise?” whenever anybody from the suburbs comes to stay. People don’t seem to realize that since we have heard it all our lives, we learn to tune out the sounds. But there are a lot of perks to growing up in a city, such as transportation. Most kids have to get a ride to go anywhere, but we can walk. The Alley Kats, my neighborhood “gang” of friends, even likes to scooter to school! We meet every morning at 7:20 and roll through the park.

But there are downsides, too. We cannot play in our street, because a car might come speeding through. We solved that by playing in the alley! Our favorite activities include ultimate frisbee, football, and noodle fencing. We even do our own version of the classic lemonade stand by selling painted rocks and terrariums!

Growing up in the city is a very fun and unique experience, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything. If you would like to see more information on this topic, you can go to our website at www.thealleykatsstl.simplesite.com.



TALES FROM OUR PAST

By Rich
Iezzi

It might be hard to imagine our neighborhood being different than it is now, but it certainly was. Maybe it wasn't the wild wild west---but you be the judge.

Below are quotes from long-time residents, talking about the way it was:

“I remember people removing their fireplace mantles and dragging them to the alley for disposal. A gasman doing service in our house offered us \$10 for ours. We gladly accepted”.

“We didn’t lock our houses. During the day, someone came in our basement and removed all our fuses, stacking them neatly on a table. That’s when we started locking our doors.”

“Properties for sale were usually unlocked and if you were interested, you’d walk through them. One time, I came across a druggie sleeping on a sofa.”

“When homes were remodeled years ago, the goal was to remove ‘the old stuff’. With that in mind, we were allowed to legally enter homes pretty much 24 hours a day to remove whatever we wanted, including period light fixtures and pristine woodwork. There were no ‘keep out’ signs or caution tape and the remodelers encouraged people to help themselves.”

“Before we had dumpsters, we had individual metal trashcans that had to include your address so you could gather them up after a storm.”

“We used to move our own dumpsters. We’d wait for the dumpster to be emptied, pull it into the alley and use our car to move it to the desired location. Cars had real bumpers back then.”

“I don’t remember a lot of break-ins. People didn’t have much to take---no laptops, I-phones, credit cards or ATM cards”.

“I once saw a man laying something down in the tall grass behind a vacant house and then walking down the alley. I waited until he was out of sight and then checked to see what he had laid in the grass. Just as I suspected, it was a stained-glass window that he had taken from the house. Walking down the street in broad daylight with a stained-glass window would have been a little too obvious, so he most likely had intentions of returning after dark to retrieve it. I took the window to my house and contacted the owner of the property to pick it up.”

“Before we had hawks, there were a lot of pigeons. At times it looked like the entire side of a roof was covered with pigeons basking in the sun.”

“30 years ago, we did things you wouldn’t do today. When property owners wouldn’t request new trees, a group of tree-minded residents sort of filled out the paperwork for them. 30 years later we’ve got trees and no one’s ever complained”.

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TALES FROM OUR PAST

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"Landlords didn't always meet prospective tenants to show them apartments. You'd call the landlord and he/she would tell you where the key was hidden. Inside the apartment, the rotary phone (what's that?) would be sitting on the white and yellow page phone-books (what's that?)."

"Before we had dumpsters, alleys cats would eat out of our open trashcans. The cats reduced the squirrel population and completely eliminated the rabbits. We didn't see rabbits until dumpsters replaced open trashcans, eliminating most of the alley cats."

"Before our neighborhood was established, you'd see tiny 6" by 6" 'for sale' signs in windows because many realtors avoided the area."

"The guy a couple of doors down used to hire prostitutes. For whatever reason, they'd come to our house to use the phone. I finally told one, "Honey, if you're in that line of work, you need a cell phone."

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"It took five shipments to get the 35,000 pounds of books to St. Louis", Claudia explained. When I asked how they'd ever have room to display them, Kevin mentioned that Dunaway Books donates 30 boxes of books every month to local charities and prisons. Good to know.

While I was asking about the new books, I reached over Claudia's shoulder and pulled out a book for some light reading. It's pretty easy to find something when you're surrounded by books.



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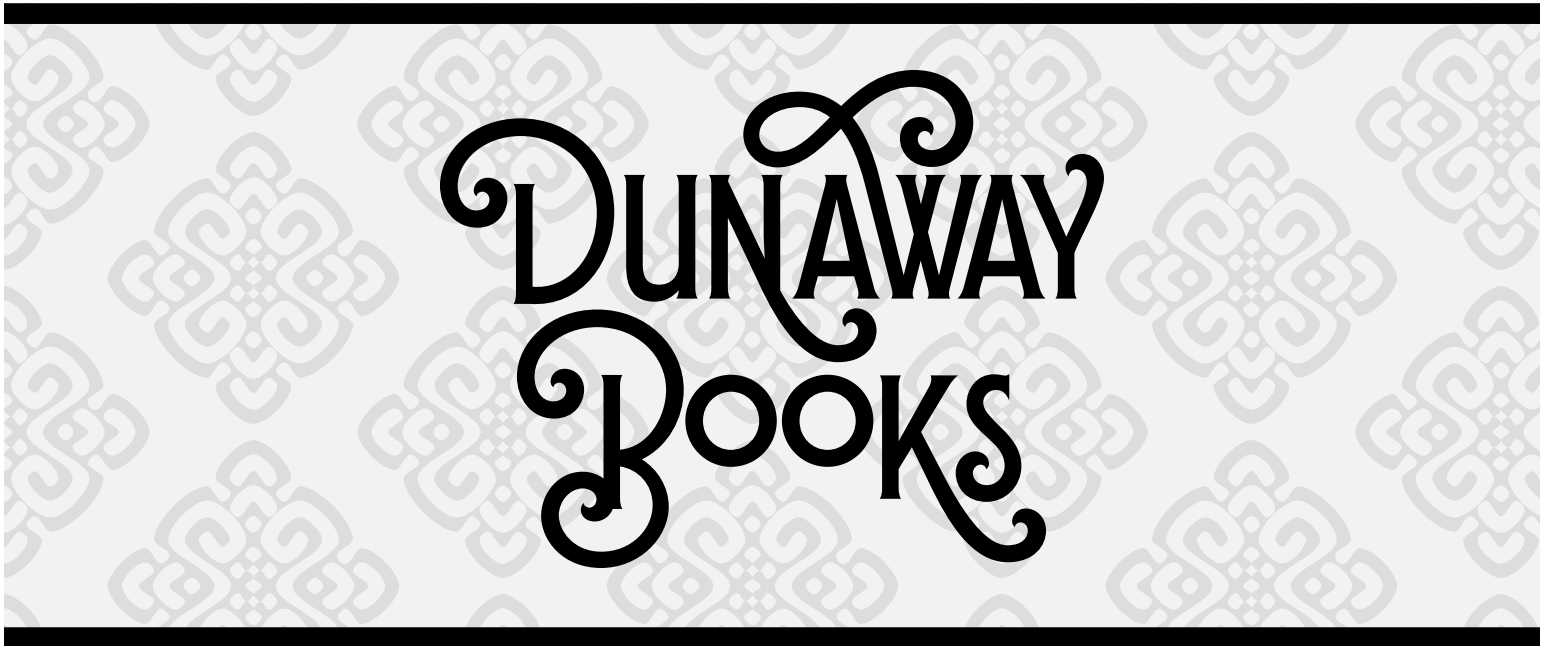
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Res	3725 Humphrey	\$230,000	1906
Res	3716 Connecticut	\$333,400	1905
Res	3711 Connecticut	\$410,000	1906
Res	3838 S. Utah Pl.	\$420,000	1906
Res	3893 Humphrey	\$430,000	1922
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