

TowerGrove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

October 27, 2010 7:20 p.m.

22 Attendees

The meeting was chaired by President David Bruns. After the introduction of new attendees, David thanked Marilyn and Les Browning, David Kim and his wife Sarah Niere, Fred and Kay Hildenbrand and Ray Marklin for opening their houses and yards for the successful Autumn Fest event held on Oct. 9. A coordinator is needed for next year's Autumn Fest so please contact David if you're interested.

Rachel Witt, South Grand Community Improvement District Executive Director, reported that the South Grand Great Streets construction has started. The project had a [ground breaking](#) ceremony on Oct. 23 and there will be ribbon cutting when it is complete. Businesses on Grand have been able to stay open during construction. The trees and lighting on the East side have been removed, leaving some temporary lighting. American elm trees are planned for the tree replacement. The project will take until January to finish the East side and will then start on the West side. Phase 2 of the construction will include benches and bike racks in addition to upgrading the intersection of Grand and Utah. Permeable concrete will be used beyond the six feet of the new sidewalks. The meters are being kept but replaced by double-headed meters so there will be fewer of them.

In addition, construction has started on the public parking lot behind Commerce Bank. Plans are for this construction to be completed by December. There will be 95 free public parking spaces. Future events like movie nights and laser light shows may be held in this space as well. The South Grand Business District (<http://www.southgrand.org/>) has a new logo and tag line—South Grand – A Flavor All Its Own!

David thanked Rachel for her help in getting food donations from the restaurants on Grand for Autumn Fest.

Jill Hamilton from the [City of St. Louis Refuse Division](#) discussed the work of this department. The city puts 200,000 tons of solid waste in a landfill each year. The goal of the division is for residents to reduce/reuse/recycle in order to help reduce the cost and pollution of this waste. She had several flyers available to outline ways to accomplish this goal. The division's Web site <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle> has links to these various documents and information on recycling and other initiatives.

Jill also discussed the \$11/month per unit waste fee that will appear on the quarterly water bill. New containers will be put out for recycling in November. These recycling containers will be blue with slots in the lid so that bulk waste cannot be dumped into them.

Flyers for a Trivia Night on Nov. 6th at the 5 Star Senior Center on 2832 Arsenal, hosted by the 3rd District Police Partnership, were distributed. More teams are needed so please sign up.

[Mike Colona](#), State Representative for our District 67, reminded everyone to vote at the Nov. 2 election.

The November TGHNA meeting will include voting for next year's Board officers. The positions of Treasurer and President Elect are open. Sally Rolf has been nominated for the Treasurer position. Please contact any of the officers if you would be willing to serve on the Board.

The church in which the TGHNA monthly meetings are held ([Divine Science Church](#)) is starting a Children's Choir and is looking for interested children between the ages of 8-12 years old. Contact Tia Adkins (Divinetia@gmail.com) for more information.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Nov. 23, 2010.

Claudia Seifert, Secretary