

**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – June 23, 2015**  
**Convened: 7:25 p.m. Adjourned: 8:07 p.m. 26 attendees**

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President Kelly Stout

**Neighborhood business/announcements**

- One first-time attendee.
- **2015 Membership Competition update:** Ends June 30. Juniata is in the lead by one.
- **Heights Nights:** This month's outing at Rooster South Grand was deemed a success. The next event will feature the newly remodeled Vine Mediterranean Café on Tuesday, July 14, 3171 S. Grand 63118, 6-8 p.m. Gift cards were given out.
- **Autumn Fest:** Scheduled for Saturday, October 10.
- **Tower Grove Pride:** Join us to celebrate PRIDE in Tower Grove on Saturday, June 27, 12 noon at South Grand and Hartford. Tower Grove Neighborhood Association invites you to stop by our first-ever booth at this year's Tower Grove Pride celebration to say hello and pick up one of our new social media cards. Tower Grove Pride is embracing its roots and rebranding its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event, "Renegayed," – a cozy affair along the South Grand business corridor featuring vendors, food trucks, entertainers, hand-built exhibits and home-grown activities. Experience the heart and soul of South City at this 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *community*-powered PRIDE event. Kid and Fido friendly! [www.towergrovepride.org](http://www.towergrovepride.org).
- **Grand Oak Hill building:** The building formerly occupied by the Grand Oak Hill Community Corporation at 4168 Juniata (at Bent) has been sold. New owner, David Dresner ([david@crispyedge.com](mailto:david@crispyedge.com)), plans to operate his two businesses on the first floor. "Crispy Edge" (gourmet potstickers) will include a small café for which he will apply for a liquor license allowing the sale of liquor until 10 p.m. outside and 1:30 p.m. inside. The other business will be the production of "message sleeves" for coffee cups such as the ones he now sells to Hartford Coffee Company. He plans to completely rehab the building and wants to keep it available for neighborhood and Block Captain meetings. The second floor will be mixed use. [www.crispyedge.com](http://www.crispyedge.com)
- **Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association update:** Tower Grove South (which includes Tower Grove Heights) has been organizing a neighborhood association for the past three months. Some TGH residents have been actively helping in this process. They are now at a point where they have bylaws and will be electing board officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary) as well as two neighborhood reps ("Directors") from each of the neighborhood quadrants. Individuals who were present and interested in being nominated introduced themselves: Emery Gloe (Northeast Quadrant - includes TGH); Shon Riley (Southwest Quadrant); Laura MacCaskey (President). (See Attachment #1 below for Nomination Form)

**Anyone can be nominated for any position. Self-nomination is allowed.** Nominations can be emailed to Kristan Nickels ([kristan@towergrovecdc.org](mailto:kristan@towergrovecdc.org)) or Nancy Thompson ([nthompson@slaco-mo.org](mailto:nthompson@slaco-mo.org) or 314-361- 9406) by midnight, June 30, 2015. Voting will take place at the next monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m. at Grand Oak Hill, 4168 Juniata (at Bent). You must vote in person. [www.facebook.com/pages/Tower-Grove-South-Neighborhood-Association/1663848867175777](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tower-Grove-South-Neighborhood-Association/1663848867175777)

***Why is this important to TGH?*** Tower Grove Heights is part of the larger Tower Grove South area. The Directors from the Northeast Quadrant will sit on the TGSNA Board to represent TGH's interests including the importance of working together to support the entire Tower Grove area and to dispel some of the resentment that has built up between the neighborhoods over the years.

- **(MODOT) Gravois Road Plan:** Some community members have been working with a variety of stakeholders to engage the larger community in creating a broader, more sustainable vision for Gravois. As a result, a Gravois Community Vision Meeting has been scheduled for July 14, 6 p.m. at the Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal 63118. The meeting will serve as a community charrette to allow citizens, community

representatives, politicians and others to give feedback. Volunteer architects and planners will be facilitating the event. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Community vision effort also has an online survey where you can voice your thoughts and opinions:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FxVHG47YfmeLP1Xajj5nRFxGYOYWrs6Dn-zlrQ7jc8/viewform>

Check out the meeting invitation for details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/810775869020738/>

- **Tower Grove Park:** has a new director: St. Louis native, Bill Reiningger, Jr. He was the Park Operations Manager for Forest Park for the past 10 years. We plan to invite him to speak at a future TGHNA meeting. <http://www.towergrovepark.org/index.php/component/content/article/34-news/148-tower-grove-park-director-announced.html>
- **South Grand CID update:** The Art Installation Open House (5-9 p.m.), Drum Circle (7-8:30 p.m.) and Movie Night ("Jurassic Park," 9:00 p.m.) at Ritz Park has been rescheduled for July 2. For more events: [www.southgrand.org](http://www.southgrand.org)

### **Featured Speakers**

- **Dana Gray, Tower Grove Neighborhood Community Development Corporation:** Dana Gray, Community Development Outreach Coordinator ([info@danagrays.com](mailto:info@danagrays.com)), reported that TGNDC has purchased a former problem property in the "Wedge" area of Tower Grove South. This property had 114 calls to police for nuisance behaviors. All residents are now out and the building will be rehabbed. However, this will be delayed due to a recent incident at the property involving the theft of copper. There are plans for a police substation to be located there. The organization is looking for additional properties that other developers won't buy. [www.towergrovecdc.org](http://www.towergrovecdc.org)

She reported that the liquor license hearing for Crispy Edge (gourmet potstickers) had occurred on June 17 but did not know the outcome.

She introduced fellow St. Louis Association for Community Organizations (SLACO) board member and TGH resident, Mark Abbott and announced that the annual conference will take place on November 14 at Harris State University. [www.slaco-mo.org](http://www.slaco-mo.org)

- **Shane Broussard, Bike Waiter:** (Formerly Griffin Delivery) Shane Broussard, owner of the bicycle delivery service since 2013, described the business and provided discount cards. They deliver from a roster of 35 restaurants and charge a nominal fee to deliver food orders within 45 minutes to one hour. [www.thebikewaiter.com](http://www.thebikewaiter.com) or (314) 300-7987

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Knox Deiermann  
Secretary, TGHNA

[Attachment #1]

**TOWER GROVE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
NOMINATION FORM, JUNE 17, 2015**

**Rules of Nomination:**

You may nominate anyone provided they reside within the Tower Grove South Neighborhood.

You may nominate yourself.

You may nominate board members from any quadrant, not just the one where you reside.

You must provide your name, address, and contact information on this form for it to be valid.

Be aware that if you nominate the same name more than once, that person will have to choose only one office to pursue.

If names are illegible, nominees cannot be verified as neighborhood residents, or nominees cannot be reached to verify willingness to serve, nomination will be dropped.

Nominations must be submitted by midnight June 30, 2015, by any of these methods: e-mail to Kristan Nickels ([kristan@towergrovecdc.org](mailto:kristan@towergrovecdc.org)) or Nancy Thompson ([nthompson@slaco-mo.org](mailto:nthompson@slaco-mo.org)); submittal of a paper nomination slip at the June 17 general membership meeting; or agreement with Nancy Thompson (314-361-9406 office) for other means of delivery of a paper nomination slip. Space is provided at the bottom for comments.

**Officers:**

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

**Directors:**

Northeast Quadrant

Northwest Quadrant

Southeast Quadrant

Southwest Quadrant

**Nominator's Name & Contact Information:**

**Comments:**

**REPRESENTATIVE QUADRANTS**

In an effort to achieve diversity among all demographic groups, the Geographic Area shall be divided into Geographic Quadrants for the election of Elected Directors. The middle of each street shall serve as the exact boundary for the Geographic Quadrants.

The Northwest quadrant shall be bordered by South Kingshighway Boulevard on the West, Arsenal Street on the North, Roger Place on the East, and Fyler Avenue and Utah Street on the South.

The Northeast quadrant shall be bordered by Arsenal Street on the North, South Grand Avenue on the East, Roger Place on the West, and McDonald Avenue on the South.

The Southeast quadrant shall be bordered by McDonald Avenue on the North, Roger Place on the West, South Grand Avenue on the East, and Chippewa Street on the South.

The Southwest quadrant shall be bordered by Chippewa Street on the South, Roger Place on the East, South Kingshighway Boulevard on the West, and Fyler Avenue and Utah Street on the North.