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## Autumn Fest in the Heights

### *A Celebration of Friends, Food, Wine, Art and Music*

By Gary Kushinsky

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association is holding a wine tasting fundraiser, featuring local art and music on October 7, 2006. Erato Wine Bar and Grand Market will be providing the wine used for the tasting. Autumn Fest in the Heights will also highlight other local businesses by serving an assortment of Hors d'Oeuvres and desserts. This year Autumn Fest in the Heights will also feature an art auction that will begin at 8 p.m.

"It is time people in the neighborhood finally got to know the people we see everyday walking their dogs or in the park," said John Papa, Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association President. "A neighborhood where people know their neighbors is a strong neighborhood."

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. The festivities will begin at 3710 Utah Place at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude at 8:00 p.m. The ticket includes admission to the wine tasting, a showcase of local artists, local music, hors d'oeuvres, desserts,

tea, coffee, horse-drawn carriage rides, and much more.

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## Tower Grove Heights by Candlelight

By Rich Iezzi

On Wednesday, July 19, 2006, powerful winds put TGH and St. Louis in the dark. The 'gust front' delayed the Cardinal baseball game, snapped thousands of tree limbs, and pulled the plug on our power for days. We all went to bed that Wednesday night wishing for electricity, and thinking everything would look better in the morning.

It didn't. Streets and alleys were blocked from tree branches, and Tower Grove Park looked like it went through a blender. There was an earthy scent to the park, and you could smell the pith of pin oak and sweet gum trees that had been ripped apart.

By Thursday morning, most of the electrically cooled air had drained from our houses. Oak staircase railings



*Cooling off in the fountain at Tower Grove Park - Photography by Mychael Wozniak*

became sticky, and sugar got lumpy. Sleeping in our houses was unthinkable, but calling hotels produced a two-step flow chart. If the answer to "Do you have power?" was "yes", then the "Do you have rooms?" answer was always "no."

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# Who's Who on South Grand

By Rachel Witt

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3rd Place - Favorite Carry Out: Pho Grand; Favorite Wine Tasting: Erato

## *Summer Celebrations*

"Pride Not Prejudice" was this year's theme for the annual **PrideFest** Event and Parade which was held on June 24th and 25th. The event took place in Tower Grove Park, and drew a crowd of 80,000 people from all over the country. The festival consisted of live music, food, drinks, and products being sold, making the day enjoyable and relaxing. The event brought in over \$72,000, which will be used for expenses and for next year's PrideFest and Parade. The parade on Sunday began at Utah Place and ended north on Grand at the entrance of Tower Grove Park. Many organizations participated in the parade as well as an appearance by Mayor Slay and our city Aldermen, such as Steve Conway and Jennifer Florida. Also, many of the South Grand businesses participated including Wyoming Barber, Floored, CheapTRX, MoKaBe's. The event was a great success, especially when

Morgan Fairchild made an appearance during the parade as the Grand Marshall.

Unfortunately, Party Around the World kicking off the **Festival of Nations** was canceled due to the power outage from the storm that came through Wednesday evening. On a positive note, Festival of Nations still took place in Tower Grove Park on July 22nd and 23rd. There were booths from around the world from the Philippines to Afghanistan. The park

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Pride Fest Parade Preparations  
(above and below)



The heat didn't dampen the spirits of Festival of Nations attendees, but it sure helped sell fans!



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# Rehabbing with Rich: *An Investor's Dream House*



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By Rich Iezzi

I've always likened rehab to binge drinking, where you stay out all night and throw up the next day. You promise you'll never do that again, but eventually the throwing up morphs into "that was fun," and you're back at it.

For those of us who know and love Diane Hurwitz, that pretty much describes her real estate side. She's done extensive building projects in Dogtown and Tower Grove Heights, and even tackled the prickliest job of all—overseeing the renovation of her own house on Utah.

I'm sure there was a throw-up point on each of these jobs, but after settling into her Utah house she got a wandering eye for something else. The siren's song was coming from a house in the 3700 block of Utah, not far from hers. Some of us get fixated on properties, and Diane said she'd been stalking this one for many years.

3710 Utah is a stunning Arts and Crafts residence crowned with its original tile roof. Diane liked that the house sat back from the street and had a "cool brick circle" in the front yard that could be a fountain. After capturing her quarry, she began her work to develop and sell the house.

But then the story takes a turn. Diane met Richard and Claudia Seifert through Diane's Clowder House

project where she provides shelter for homeless cats. Diane, seeking a co-investor, talked to Claudia about the Utah project, and eventually took her on a tour. Claudia felt it would be fun to be involved with this great house.

When I asked Richard what attracted them to the house, I got a lot of answers. Anyone who's seen the house knows it has enough vintage gold to compete with Compton Heights homes. Richard mentioned the beautiful stairway window, decorative fireplace tiles, quarter-sawn oak floor, and stained glass windows. And, of course, the woodwork throughout the first floor, including the beamed living room ceiling, the built-in plate rail in the dining room, and the paneled staircase was a big draw.

As the project got underway, Claudia began to imagine herself living in the house. Now all she had to do was convince Richard. Though he was raised on the city's south side, Richard ended up in north county, and said he'd

"never even been down Utah Street" before seeing the project at 3710 Utah Place. Richard eventually agreed to move into the house, swinging the destiny of this great residence into the hands of the Seiferts.

As the work progressed, weird stuff popped up. Along with the petrified animals we all find in these jobs, it was discovered that the stained glass windows weren't original. Also, sometime after they were installed, an owner had a spat with a side neighbor and replaced all the stained glass windows on that neighbor's side with glass blocks. Luckily, the original stained glass was found hidden in the basement.

It's funny how things turn out. What started as a casual date with this house turned to love, then marriage. I'm glad the Seiferts call TGH home, but I'm worried about Diane. It's about time for her to say "that was fun," and start looking again.



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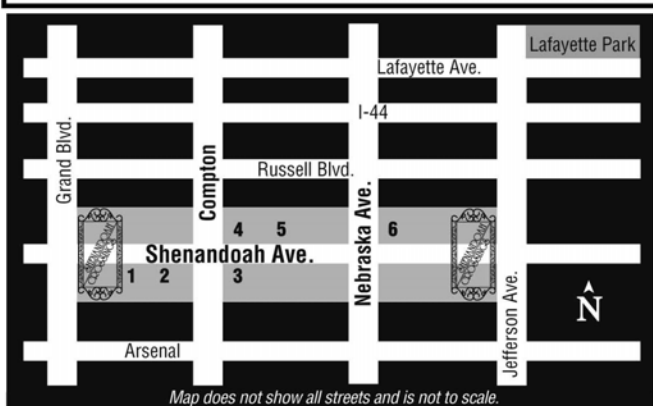
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## Candlelight, Cont'd from page 1


Carol and Brian of the 3700 block of Arsenal stayed put with Carol extolling the benefits of the extra insulation they had installed recently. Carol claims the house "never got over 82 degrees," and they survived by dragging mattresses down to the first floor.

Bernadette, from the 3800 block of Humphrey, went without power for over a week but was offered electricity Saturday from her neighbor Bob Koehr when he ran an extension cord from his building to hers. Bernadette felt "it was pretty much a lifeline," enabling her to stay in the apartment.

Hartford Coffee Company never lost power, and was one of the neighborhood bright spots. Clarissa, from Hartford Coffee, said, "It was stressful, but we all worked together like family." Instead of the usual staff of three, six people were working, including the owners. The air-conditioned upstairs area, known as the "child free java lounge," was also offered as a cool space. When I asked about outage stories, Clarissa smiled, then quickly glanced away. It took a bit of verbal arm-twisting to get her to tell me the "beer story."

Sensing the work level and urgency of purpose now thrust upon the Hartford Coffee workers, the owners were packing beer when they showed up Thursday after the storm. Clarissa said the beer arrived at 11 AM but stressed it was only for workers of age. Coffee and beer—life itself.

The South City Diner lost power on that first Wednesday, and stayed dark until 4:30 PM Sunday, July 23. Lloyd, the manager I spoke with, said it got pretty interesting when the power went out with about 30 patrons in the restaurant. "At first, we used the manual credit card machine but when the paper ran out we started saying 'the meal's on us,'" Lloyd explained. They were able to save the good stuff by bringing in ice



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but the pastries and lesser items got pitched. On Sunday, Lloyd thought he saw a light in Mangia's, next door. When he finally saw the Diner's neon sign blazing he said, "YES!" and then called Peter, the owner. Ninety minutes later they were open for business. Lloyd said the customers were great and waited patiently as the servers checked their

inventory for each order. He added, "People were just glad to get anything."

As inconvenient as the power outage was, there was much good that came from it. When I went to remove limbs from our property on Humphrey, there were already

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# Nowhere I'd Rather Be: Life in South St. Louis

By Amanda Crowell Stiebel

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And it was a heat wave. Due to the heat, my son Cai and I slept downstairs in the living room the first night. Every half hour, all night, he found it necessary to inform me with his new verbal skills that the "ights" were "boten". My husband Ben was out until one a.m. with his hacksaw helping the neighborhood men clear the streets for cars and emergency vehicles. The next morning I joyously discovered that I would not have to work bleary-eyed, as my employer lacked electricity as well. Cai and I packed up our van, and drove out to my sister's in Beaufort. We basked in the glow of cousins and freon during that 105 degree day. The heat broke the next day, and we drove home sure that Ben would greet us at the door with smiles and cool air. Not that night, nor the night after, or the night after that.

Our food went bad. The National Guard was called in. My son was heartbroken that he couldn't watch *Shrek* or *Finding Nemo* ad nauseum. Our laptop only had two hours of power on it with no hope of a recharge, so no work got done. The air in our house was stagnant by Sunday morning, and tempers were rising with the inescapable temperatures. Cai and I decided to pack off to my father's place, where I was able to check e-mail

and plug in for some work.

When we got back that night there was still no juice, but there was an Ameren truck parked up the block repairing a downed pole. As Cai and I were stretched out on the hot, sticky sheets trying to sleep, I heard screaming coming through the open bedroom

windows. I leapt up to see if the tempers had finally broken through the civility that had been the rule since the power went out, and discovered the lights on up and down the street. Neighbors were hollering as they rushed in to shut the windows for the

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## Resident Profile: *Making New Friends with Julia and Mark*

By Ellen Wilson

Although Julia Engelhardt and Mark Berry have lived in the TGH neighborhood since December 2000, they recently found a new way to make friends...and it comes in the form of a cute fuzzy white dog.

Tucker joined the Engelhardt/Berry household about 2 ½ months ago when Julia found him living as a stray. Tucker's hair was so matted and filled with burrs that Julia had to take him to neighborhood groomer See Spot Clean to clip him just to get him clean. Tucker has turned out to be the perfect pet with only affection for everyone he meets. Tucker is so hard to dislike, even the cats tolerate him...which is the best that can be expected from a cat.

Julia, a lawyer who is getting ready to start library school in the fall, found having a dog opened up a whole new way to meet neighbors. Walking

through the neighborhood with Tucker several times each day has introduced Mark and Julia to other neighbors with dogs or young children who are also strolling around the streets. Between walking the blocks and going to the pond by the Piper Palm House so Tucker can play with the ducks, they have found many new friends in the neighborhood.

Although Mark and Julia have lived in several neighborhoods in St. Louis, they love TGH and all the things it has to offer. Neither had ever experimented with Vietnamese food much before moving here, but now find themselves at Lemongrass or Pho Grand several times each month. They shop at Jays International for specialty items as well as everyday things for the selection and great prices.

Mark and Julia participate in as many festivals in TG Park as they can. Recently they took Tucker to the

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neighbors working together in the humidity and darkness to clear the alley. Sunday, when the line crew from Oklahoma parked in our alley to begin power restoration, people stopped their cars to offer their appreciation. Others walked up to shake their hands, and offer food and drink (anything!). We talked to our neighbors more, and a friend said he wanted one more night of darkness because, for the first time, his family was playing cards at the dining room table.

Perhaps the biggest gain was realized when Sara, of the 3600 block of Juniata, solved her block's parking problem. "With all the restaurants closed and people leaving the neighborhood for cooler destinations, we could park anywhere we wanted," she beamed. That Sara--always thinking.

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# Free Candy, With Amanda and Julia

By Aaron Belz

If you're one of the people who has stumbled into Hartford Coffee Company on a given Sunday after 7 PM.—likely after thinking to yourself, “Hey, I didn’t know Hartford was open on Sunday night! This is so cool!!”—and been instantly embarrassed as a room full of attentive South Siders turned their eyes toward you, then you might already be aware of the live talk show, Free Candy.

Since February 2004, Free Candy has lured numerous St. Louis celebs into its intimate coffee shop venue: former St. Louis mayor Vince Schoemel, Delmar entrepreneur Joe

Edwards, beer baron Tom Schlafly, RFT founder Ray Hartmann, Debbie Baldwin of *Ladue News*, and even Quentin the miracle dog. Once guests are seated on a barstool on what appears to be a stage, hosts Amanda Doyle and Julia Smillie grill them with comic barbs. The crowd invariably laughs its butt off.

In fairness, there's a lot of straight questioning and discussing that goes on, and at the end of Free Candy audience members mill about feeling enlightened. There is that mood, anyway, of having been informed about something important. Perhaps, then, the giddiness of the experience has something to do with the actual free

candy piled at the center of each table. More likely, it's the natural result of having sat through a live, non-broadcast talk show that is designed exactly like a real talk show. It may feel like improv, but there's a real band playing songs between guests, real hosts with real questions, and after all, *real guests*.

One such guest was teenage juggler and body contortionist Book Kennison, remembered fondly by Amanda for his incredible physical stunts. “Three weeks later he was on Letterman,” she says. This, in her memory, rivals the time Vince Schoemel graced the house with a stirring rendition of “Danny Boy” to close his appearance. “He has a lovely singing voice,” she says, a tear sparkling in her eye.

“The purpose of Free Candy has been, from the start, to give attention to below-the-radar things in St. Louis,” says Amanda, stressing how much she prepares for each show. “We can’t wing it *ever*,” she says. Her task, and that of her fellow host, is at some level quite serious.

That doesn't prevent Amanda from recognizing the show's quirkiness: “People have described it as being akin to ‘Prairie Home Companion,’ and then they always add some caveat, like, ‘but for the non-Geritol crowd’ or ‘but with the f-word.’” Someone just told me they thought of it as being like the talk show Kramer invented on *Seinfeld* when he found the set from the old Merv Griffin show in the trash and decided to use it.”

Lately NPR's Tom Weber has subbed for Julia, whose temporary departure for Ann Arbor, Michigan last fall left Free Candy in the lurch. Julia is now planning to move to Ann Arbor permanently, but she's going to return to St. Louis for each show.

The next show is scheduled for September 24 at 7 PM, guests TBD—

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Julia and Mark took him on the 15<sup>th</sup> Ward Democrats' fire truck, and Tucker got to wear his first strand of beads.

Their house on the 3600/3700 block of Juniata was previously rehabbed when they moved in so they just do house projects that are fun for them. Mark has repainted all the rooms to create a beautiful interior, and works annually on the garden in the backyard. The garden started with a fish pond, but Mark has since added a stream that runs along the perimeter of the yard, has re-bricked much of the patio, and landscaped with trees and plants to create a botanical oasis.

Both Julia and Mark are very involved with several groups both in and outside of the neighborhood. Recently the 15<sup>th</sup> Ward Democrats, where Mark is the treasurer and Julia has previously served as Recording Secretary, has taken up quite a chunk of their spare time. They are both working on the upcoming local elections through "Get Out the Vote" campaigns and candidate forums held at the Carpenter branch library. Mark has also previously been active with the Grand Oak Hill Community Corporation acting as treasurer during the transfer of the South Side Bank building to a developer for condos. They also participate in the TGH Neighborhood Association when time allows, and served as co-business managers for the Gazette for a few years.

Mark and Julia just celebrated their 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, but Julia puts more emphasis on the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their first date. She feels that "her life changed when she met him, not when she married him."

Tucker would welcome any friendly affection, so stop and say "Hi" next time you see him out strolling the neighborhood with Julia and Mark in tow.

### **Who's Who Cont'd from p. 3**

was devastated from the storm, but with the help of Custom Tree Care and the park's staff they were able to clear the park to make the Festival a reality. Consisting of food, gifts, and entertainment from dancing to sword fighting, the event turned a long stressful week of no power for most residents into a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. I would like to thank the International Institute's volunteers, staff, and vendors for their hard work in putting together a wonderful event attracting 20,000 people to the community.

Calendar of Upcoming Events and Openings:

**September 3rd**-Ground level Block Party sponsored by Upstairs Lounge

**Howl-o-ween Pooch Prowl** - October 28. The committee will be forming if you are interested in the planning process please contact Rachel at (314)772-5750.

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first time in a week. I gave a whoop, shut my own windows, and ran around the house turning on all the lights. Cai popped up and declared the "ights fist," and immediately asked to watch *Nemo*.

Two weeks later, I look back with gratitude at those horrible five days. Our neighbors banded together to clear the streets, and held barbeques, sharing food that would have gone bad otherwise. We were lucky enough to have relatives nearby with power who were generous enough to take us in. The National Guard did not have to control looters, or rioters, as they did in New Orleans. They cleared streets and checked on residents door-to-door, delivering ice and MREs as needed. Our mayor stepped up to the challenge and ran extra trash trucks so that our neighborhoods would not smell of thousands of refrigerators worth of rotten food. As much as we complained about Ameren and its lack of trimming that contributed to the severity of the outage, they called in hundreds of teams from out of state, and everyone worked long hours to restore our power.

I have learned so much about how lucky we are here in St. Louis through this power outage. In Lebanon, every decade there are power struggles, bombings where whole sections of town are leveled. In parts of Africa some children have never seen electric lights, much less been able to watch movies over and over again whenever they want. In Iraq, where we guide the destiny of a country whether we agree with the action or not and where many of our countrymen and women are stationed, this weather is not a heat wave—it is just the regular weather.

Even during the worst of the weather we had access to the library, the grocery stores, and transportation both public and private. Those are all things many of us take for granted as we go about our lives. I hope that I can keep that in mind more as I make purchases, vote, and turn on the



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myriad of electric devices in my home. Five days with no power is a light penance for not remembering every day how lucky we are to be here, with these wonderful amenities and wonderful neighborhoods. I'd rather it not happen again, but I'm glad it did.

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check the website ([www.freecandy.net](http://www.freecandy.net)). Come down, buy a strawberry smoothie and enjoy Free Candy. Not only will Amanda and Julia have you in stitches, but you'll get to experience a showcase of local talent unlike any other.



# Namaste

by Kathryn Heitzenroeder

The word Namaste is used at the end and sometimes the beginning of most yoga classes. "Nama" means bow, "as" means I, and "te" means you, translating literally to "bow me you" or "I bow to you." It represents the belief that there is Divine life in each of us.

This gesture is performed by placing the hands together (in prayer position) at the heart, closing the eyes, and bowing the head. It can also be done by placing the hands in between the eyebrows (the third eye), bowing the head, and then slowly lowering the hands down to the heart. Bringing the hands together at the heart increases the flow of Divine love. Bowing the head and closing the eyes encourages the mind to surrender to the Divine in the heart.

In the West, the word Namaste is usually spoken in conjunction with the gesture. In India, however, it is under-

stood that the gesture itself signifies Namaste, making it unnecessary to say the word.

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can take you deeper into the heart. When done with someone else, it is a beautiful greeting or quick meditation from the heart.

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## Neighbors Band Together to Discuss Safety

By Deborah Springer

The TGHNA events committee recently turned its attention to a more serious subject than the annual Autumn Fest and Trivia Night events for which they are known. Neighbors concerned with a possible increase in criminal activity approached the committee early in the year and requested that the association sponsor an event addressing their concerns.

In response, the committee organized the First Annual Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Associa-

tion Safety Fair in cooperation with the local police and fire departments. The event, designed to raise awareness and focus attention on resident and property safety and crime prevention, was held on June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 3-6 pm at The First Church of Divine Science, and coincided with Pride Fest.

The Police Department sent representatives to answer questions and listen to concerns while other booths provided information on curbing auto thefts, basic personal safety, home alarm systems, and methods to make

burglaries much less likely. There was also a child identification booth manned by local dentist Dr. Jason Allen, who donated his time to provide DNA collection for children. Representatives of the Fire Department even brought along a pumper truck, which proved to be a favorite stop for the kids. Mayor Slay stopped by and took the time to talk with attendees, while Alderwoman Jennifer Florida and Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Brian Wilson spent most of the afternoon supporting the neighborhood association. In addition, all who chose to join the Neighborhood Association during the event received a free car club.

For all those with safety concerns who were unable to attend the event, the Association website offers additional safety information and contact numbers. Please take the time to visit it and sign up to volunteer for next year's event at [www.towergroveheights.com](http://www.towergroveheights.com).



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### Sept. 22 Holiday Card Photo Contest Deadline

See p. 17 for more info.

### October 12 Christopher Columbus Day Celebration

Commemorate the anniversary of Columbus' voyage to America. Sponsored by the Italian Club of St. Louis. Wreath laying at the Statue. For info call: 771-4484

### October 17 St. Louis Symphony Chamber Concert Series

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