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TOWER GROVE PARK REPLANTS USING SHAW'S ORIGINAL DESIGN

By Tom Booth

Walk through Tower Grove Park on any given day this month, and on the whole, it seems to be the same graceful setting we remember from the first time we visited. Nonetheless, there are appreciable changes taking place. Changes that may take years to complete, but changes which will confirm the park's significance and value to its community.

In 1978, the commissioners of Tower Grove Park recognized the living heritage of the park, that is, the plants and trees, had undergone significant changes over time. An effort was begun to return the park to its original character.

Work was begun to inventory the entire collection of trees and shrubs in the park, but not until recently did the inventory process reach completion. John Karel, Director of Tower Grove Park, says, "That inventory was done, but it wasn't kept up, and it became rapidly out of date. So, in 1990, with a grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation and then subsequently with another grant from the federal government, thanks to (Congressman) Dick Gephardt, the park did a truly comprehensive and thorough inventory of every woody plant in the park, trees and shrubs, and even some of the woody vines."

The inventory showed the park had 8000 trees and shrubs of 346 different varieties.

About 200 trees from the original planting still survived. Karel says this is marvelous, but "Although we had a lot of different varieties, we had an overall collection which really wasn't as diverse as it sounded, because 40% of all those trees were three different varieties: silver maple, pin oak, and sweet gum."

"We have a lot of trees," Karel says, "hundreds and hundreds, that are in terrible condition: dead branches, overcrowded... When you reforest by means of allowing volunteers to spring up, they often come up in situations that are not really very good for the health and vigor of the tree. And when (a tree) develops diseases on some of its branches, it's much better for that tree to prune it so the disease doesn't spread to the trunk. That's the kind of thing the park has not had the funding to take care of."

The inventory highlighted the fact that the park did not reflect the original design: Victorian "gardenesque". This is contrast to another popular tradition of landscaping called "picturesque," seen in New York's Central Park or in St. Louis' Forest Park.

In the picturesque park, a sense of a natural environment of meadows and woods is created. Karel says the gardenesque style of Tower Grove Park is

harder to maintain because "it requires the appearance of what they called in those days 'high keeping.' It was intended to look like it was very carefully cared for." This sense of high keeping is difficult to achieve today because of the tremendous manpower needed.

It's probably the most diverse urban forest in the United States. This is a greenspace with a capital G!

John Karel

As an alternative, he hopes to restore a sense of the gardenesque in certain areas, for example at the major entrances to the park, the lily pond area, the fountain pond area, and the music stand area. "In these high visibility, high profile spots, we can, I think, give back to the people of Missouri and St. Louis a sense of what this Victorian landscape was originally intended to look like," Karel says.

Knowing what that original intention was would have been more difficult, if not impossible, were it not for the Park's and

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ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Tower Grove heights Neighborhood Association will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the First Church of Divine Science, 3617 Wyoming. In lieu of a regular meeting, join us for a pot-luck dinner!

DID YOU KNOW?

That the reason our east-west streets don't line up as they cross Gustine is that the area west of Gustine was sold and developed as a separate tract of land?

That Tower Grove Heights was all prairie land, with no trees, prior to development?

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ON GRAND

By Don Hardin

In each issue of the Gazette, this column will include information about current events on Grand South Grand and a highlight of one of the businesses.

Special thanks to all the business owners on Grand South Grand who contributed gifts of time and merchandise, making "Holiday in the Heights" a great success once again.

When I was a very young boy, it was discovered that I needed glasses. So, my parents took me to the neighborhood eye doctor. I still remember how friendly, yet professional, he was. They say "You can never go home again." I recently proved that old saying wrong.

After years of going to the "chain store" eye doctors in the malls, I decided to follow my own advice (keep your money in the neighborhood). I was pleasantly surprised by my visit to Lucas Optometry, practically a landmark in the neighborhood.

In the 1920s, Dr. George Lucas, O.D. (doctor of optometry), began serving the people of St. Louis. In 1949, he opened his own office "On Grand." In 1978, Tim Lucas, O.D., joined his father's practice. 1984 saw son Todd Lucas, O.D., joining in the family venture. Lucas Optometry moved to its present location at 3165 South Grand in 1949, and eight years ago expanded and remodeled.

They offer a very wide selection of eyeglass frames in any style or price range that you could imagine, all types of contacts, and comprehensive vision and eye health examinations. (I was especially impressed by the unhurried and extremely complete eye examination.) The doctors also offer treatment and evaluation for some eye infections. They pride themselves on being reasonable, competitive, and thorough. Lucas Optometry is a fine example of the kind of business that make Grand South Grand "GRAND."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

Be "Somebody"

By Jay Rosloff

I just heard a joke and I've got to share it with you. A fellow says, "I can see only two ways out of this predicament: one is miraculous and the other practical. If a band of angels descends and fixes our problems, we'll be okay. Of course, that's the practical solution. Doing it ourselves will be the real miracle!"

Naturally, whatever improvement we want to see in our neighborhood is going to come solely because of our individual and group efforts. You've sat in meetings, or in bars, or in living rooms, and heard someone say, "Somebody should do something about..." Folks, I bring bad news. There ain't no office in City Hall marked "Somebody." "Somebody" is as non-existent as the little Casper named "Not Me" in the Family Circus comic strip. The purpose of our Association is to provide a means for the individual to make a difference. That means personal responsibility for big things and small.

If you want the neighborhood to look better, get out and pick up a few pieces of litter, rather than wait for "Somebody" to do it. If the neighbors are noisy, complain to them rather than wait for "Somebody" to do it. Join a committee and help, write a letter to the editor, help a neighbor. Be "Somebody."

RESIDENT PROFILE

By Margie Meyer

In May of '85, Jim DeLuca needed an apartment. He drove through an unfamiliar section of the City and came upon a boulevard of beautiful homes and big shade trees. The street was Utah, and he stopped a woman to see if any apartments nearby were for rent. "I don't think so," came the reply. Later that evening he received a phone call from the woman's daughter, Susie Gudermuth, who did have an apartment available.

Soon the unfamiliar area was home. When the two-family building across the street was for sale, Jim thought he'd take a look. There, presiding over the perfectly matched living room was the very same pompous purple couch he had at home! "Of course, I bought the house," Jim says. "My furniture would fit perfectly!"

Spontaneous? Yes, but the trait has its rewards. On television, Jim heard news anchor Dana King say she would sometimes prefer to talk to a kid than to adults. Jim, a middle school teacher, called her and challenged her to come and talk to his students. After several weeks of persistent telephone tag, she agreed. She was so impressed with the students and with Jim,

she nominated him for the "Great Expectations Class Act Award."

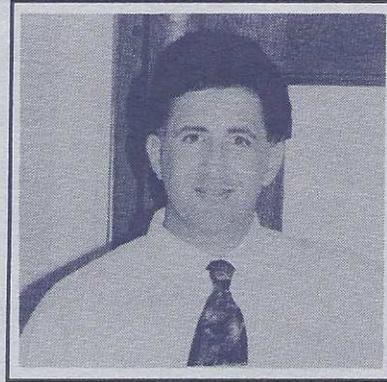
For the Class Act Award, fellow teachers and the students are interviewed. The award is presented monthly on KTVI-TV Channel 2, and yes, Jim did get it. "It's a great honor for someone who had been teaching for only two years," Jim explains, modestly adding, "I know dozens of teachers who deserved it more than I."

Jim enjoys working out at Vic Tanny's Gym, grinning as he says, "It's the over-30 workout. It's 30 minutes on the bikes

and 30 minutes in the hot tub!"

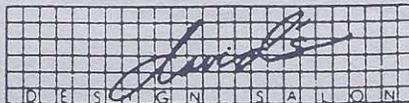
Collecting antiques is another love. He's finishing the rehab on both apartments, and creating the perfect backdrop for each piece in his collection. He meticulously hand-stripped and refinished all mantels, woodwork, and even the front doorways.

Jim admits to being a romantic. He has over 40 rose bushes in his front yard. During the summer, he presents his girlfriend with almost daily bouquets. Not surprising. After all, he is a class act!



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MARKET FARE

By Stephanie Gavin

Through Market Fare, a monthly food service that is available to Association members, delicious frozen vegetables, meats, entrees, and snack foods are delivered monthly for pick-up. The Association receives 10% of the gross sales.

Margie Meyer, TGHNA president-elect, would like to see an increase in orders to help provide more money to the Association. "We receive only about 15 orders a month, but that's \$60. For the whole year, that's a profit of \$720. If we could get more people to order, that would be all the more money for the Association." And money, along with increased manpower, will largely determine the success of each neighborhood association goal. Do your part. Call Margie at 776-8388 to order some delectable Market Fare cuisine, much of which is produced right here in St. Louis. It's good for you, and good for us!

In Memoriam

DAVID WAGNER

The staff of the Tower Grove Heights *Gazette* mourns the death of David Wagner, a long-time staff writer and author of "Aim for Good Health." David died February 9 after a short illness. His wit and wisdom will be missed by us all. David made many contributions to the improvement of our neighborhood, and left many, many friends.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Keely Cook, also a member of the *Gazette* staff, and his family and friends.



THUMBS UP

By The Thumb

3800 Wyoming is at it again. First, it's the formation of a block watch unit. Then it's an anti-litter campaign. Then it's flowers in barrels. And now it's approximately 22 newly planted trees. Congratulations! You must be proud, Wyoming residents. The credit for much of what is taking place on Wyoming goes to Pete and Linda Fick. Over three years ago, they reluctantly agreed to be temporary block captains. Reluctantly because their volunteer activities were already over extended. Temporary because they thought this would be a short-term commitment.



3800 WYOMING

But Pete and Linda don't do things halfway, and the results of their efforts on 3800 Wyoming are a boost for their block and for the neighborhood. If you aren't already a part of the block unit, get involved. Start by taking care of those new trees. They will need to be watered frequently this spring. Give them some TLC, and they will return the favor in years to come.




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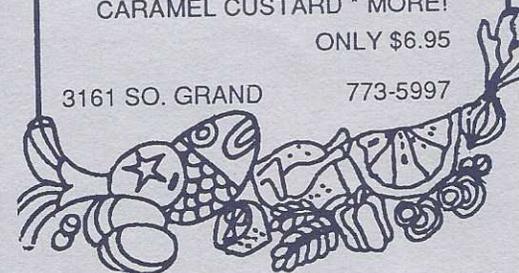
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ASSOCIATION SETS GOALS

By Stephanie Gavin

Our well-intentioned new year's resolutions are already losing their momentum, but the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association has just started implementing many of its goals for 1993. And the ongoing quest to increase active membership is at the top of the list. As the Association's president, Jay Rosloff, puts it, "Everything (the Association) does is worthy, but there's not enough manpower to get it all done."

In order to get more active members, the Membership Committee, chaired by Diane Hurwitz, knows the overall membership numbers must increase. "We have around 350 members now, and only about 35 of them are very active," says Rosloff. "If all members would talk at least one neighbor, friend, or acquaintance into joining the Association, it would help a lot." Other ways the membership committee hopes to add new people is to make membership more valuable to those who join. They will continue to offer a free business-card sized advertisement in the *Gazette* to businesses who join the Association, and the premium membership--Renaissance--will include membership in the Grand-Oak Hill Community Corporation.

All Tower Grove Heights residents will benefit from the plans of the Association's Marketing and Promotion Committee, chaired by Jean Iezzi. On Easter Sunday,

the Hartford Arms, being renovated on the corner of Juniata and Spring, will be the "House of the Month" feature in the Real Estate section of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. The Committee will invite all realtors with listings in the neighborhood to hold open houses on Easter Sunday, since a large response to the Hartford Arms is expected.

As always, the committee hopes to increase the number of people who list rental/sale properties through the Buyer/Tenant Referral Service. The committee would like to design and print "Revive the Pride" yard signs that would circulate from yard to yard noting Best Interior Improvement, Best Exterior Improvement, and Best Landscaping, front and back. "We definitely want to recognize those people who are reviving the neighborhood. So many people do so many nice things. We need to pat them on the back," says Iezzi.

The Neighborhood Improvement Committee, headed by Brian Stefanick, plans to continue the annual spring Operation Brightside Alley Blitz clean-up with Block Captains, and a fall clean-up, as well. They plan to have alley yard waste dumpsters painted, possibly sponsoring a competition for the best-painted dumpster. They would like to get additional dumpsters for each alley.

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On the Town In the Neighborhood

Mary Schroeder

There are several Vietnamese restaurants in our neighborhood, the one that has been here longest is Pho Grand at 3191 South Grand, owned and managed by Tammy and Mike Nguyen. Diners from all over the St. Louis area rave about this place both for good food and inexpensive prices. I know West Countians who drive here just for a Pho Grand "fix".

The decor is plain, good food is the main focus here. They have such things as Ca-Ri Ga, a very spicy curried chicken with rice with onions and carrots in a light sweet sour sauce. Or try the mild Tenderloin Beef Stir-fry with tomatoes, onions, and peppers that's served as a special at times. Other dishes are also extremely tasty: Vietnamese Egg Rolls, Bo Luc Lac - peppery hot beef, Bun Cha Gio - mild vermicelli with vegetables, Bun Bo Xao - a mild dish of beef and rice noodles, Bun Bi va Cha Gio - Vermicelli and shredded pork, Ga Xao Xa Ot - spicy stir fry chicken, hot chilies, and lemon grass, Ga Xao Gung va Hanh - mild dish of chicken with ginger and onion. Finally, don't miss the Vietnamese coffee, iced coffee brewed at your table in its glass, a sweet combination of coffee, chocolate, milk, and cream.

The hours presently are: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 11 AM - 10 PM, Fri. and Sat. 11 AM - 11 PM, they are closed on Tues. You can call 664-7435 for more information.

HOLD THE PRESS!

By Tricia Heliker

Have you ever wondered how many newspapers are tossed onto lawns in Tower Grove Heights that are never read? How many dumpsters would it take to hold all those discarded newspapers? How many trees were needlessly cut down? How much energy was needlessly used?

Many times we are concerned about environmental problems and don't know what to do. The *South Side Journal* will help. If you do not wish to receive the *Journal*, call Fred Mathias at 821-1110. Give him your address and tell him you no longer want the *Journal*. It's as simple as that!

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Organic Pest Control

By Benjamin N. Chu,

Superintendent and Curator of the Japanese Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden

Though it's only a month 'til the first day of Spring, it's not too early to consider how to control those pesky bugs in the garden. Over the past decade, gardeners' consciousness has been raised concerning the use, misuse, and overuse of chemicals to control the less than 1% of the so-called "bad" bug species. Research during the last ten years has resulted in many alternatives to the use of chemicals for pest control.

A pro-active approach to insect and disease control is the best place to start. Often, insect and disease problems are caused by stress due to poor plant selection or ill-suited growing environment. Choose plant species suited for this particular zone and for your particular site. Provide good drainage, good air circulation, shelter from climatic extremes, and adequate sunlight and moisture.

Strict sanitation is the best way to keep the garden pest free. Garden debris is an incredible haven for insects and diseases. Leaves, stems, and flowers infected with fungal diseases must be removed and destroyed. Tools used on diseased plants must be washed thoroughly to avoid transmitting disease to healthy plants.

Weeds can rob plants of their health, which leads to plant stress, by competing for water and nutrients. A thick layer of organic mulch will prevent weeds, conserve water, and contribute nutrients to the soil.

An insect infestation may become too heavy for the most diligent gardener to manage and may require stronger measures. Many biochemicals useful for the control of insect pests have been developed recently.

Many new strains and varieties of **Bt**, or **Bacillus thuringiensis**, are being developed to control a host of leaf-eating caterpillars. Brands such as Dipel, Attack, and Thuricide are widely available.

Clandosan controls harmful nematodes, tiny worms that infiltrate and block roots, preventing water and nutrient uptake. It stimulates the growth of microorganisms which produce enzymes that kill the nematodes.

BioSafe Lawn and Garden Insect Control contains beneficial nematodes that parasitize soil-dwelling insects. BioSafe controls webworms, Japanese beetle grubs, cucumber beetle larvae, and others.

Sunspray Ultra-Fine Oil is a superior light horticultural oil that may be used year round. It replaces older, heavier oils that can be harmful to plants if applied at the wrong time. Sunspray may be used on woody ornamentals, some vegetable crops, flowers, and small fruits to control scale, spider mites, and aphids.

Although plant-derived materials such as rotenone, ryania, and pyrethrums gradually are being replaced by biological insecticides, one botanical insecticide that has gained in use is **Margosan-O**. It contains an extract from the neem tree, an evergreen tree native to Asia. Margosan-O prevents or slows the feeding of more than 150 insect pests including mealybugs, loopers, green peach aphids, and gypsy moths.

Gardening without traditional control measures requires a tremendous amount of effort and forethought. But these additional measures will ensure that the best is being done for the environment and the many harmless creatures that share it with all of us.

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SINCE YOU ASKED



By Don Hardin

What do you like about having your business on Grand South Grand?

Ty Emerson of Star Video: "We like the people. We are a family-oriented business. A lot of family people come in and they bring their kids with them. That's what we like."

Peter Spoto of South City Diner: "We like the people. Our customers are very diversified. Grand South Grand has a sort of European flavor, plus you can walk to banks, restaurants, record stores. You can find almost any kind of business you would need."

Frank Neal of Cheap Trx: "It's an exciting and interesting area. The business traffic here is great. The exposure is great because of all the restaurants and other businesses. We do especially well during our evening hours. I would encour-

age other businesses to extend their evening hours."

Dan Shelton of Shelton's: "It's close to a great neighborhood, and I like the diversity of businesses on Grand. It's been great for us."

Shawn Scott of Grand Books: "I enjoy all the different ethnic backgrounds. You walk down the street and you see Orientals, Germans, Bulgarians, Croatians, and typical Americans. You see every culture."

Terry Harrison of Salon St. Louis: "I enjoy having my business in the City. We get all different types of customers. We have lived in the area for thirteen years and had our business here for three and a half years. The whole area is becoming very upscale."

Jeff Mudd of Futon Express: "I like the exciting new development going on here on Grand South Grand. The increased traffic in the area is great. There are a lot of people walking around. There's an excitement, a 'new attitude' in the entire area."

PARTY HEARTY AT POT LUCK!

By Lou Jenneman

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association needs you!

Our membership drive for the current year kicks off with the March 14 pot luck dinner, in lieu of a March general membership meeting. All are welcome.

The dinner will be at 7 p.m. at the Divine Science Church at 3617 Wyoming. Watch your mailboxes for information on a dish to bring.

State Representative Patrick Dougherty and Alderman Geraldine Osborn have donated twenty tickets to Tower Grove Heights Night at the Baseball Cardinals on May 5 (versus Houston). Some of the tickets will go to the first new members to join.

Renaissance membership (\$20 per person) includes a membership in the Grand-Oak Hill Community Corporation. The Heritage membership is \$10 per person, and the regular membership is \$6 per person. A business membership is \$25, and includes one free business-card ad in the *Gazette*.

Dues may be paid at the pot luck, to your block captain, or mailed to the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association, 3203 South Grand Blvd., Suite 103, St. Louis, MO 63118.

Hope to see you at the kick-off dinner - we need you to make our neighborhood shine!



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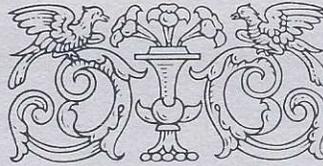
By Rich Iezzi

You've just completed your latest project of priming and painting that spare bedroom. You're finally done--maybe. A week later, you notice that some spots on the chimney breast still look wet. The ceiling area that meets the chimney has the same appearance, so you naturally think the roof leaks. Your roofer scratches his head and stays up there long enough for you to feel better, but it's still not fixed. The moisture doesn't increase during rain and never goes away in dry weather. It doesn't feel wet, but looks wet, and has a mind of its own.

Unfortunately, there aren't a lot of easy solutions here...All solutions seem to revolve around installing an aluminum flue liner.

What's going on here? Chances are, you've been cursed with a "weeping chimney." These chimneys attract moisture on the interior of the house from sulfur dioxide turning into calcium sulfite as a result of the combustion of coal. Sulfite is a salt of sulfurous acid, which works similarly to rock salt for attracting moisture. Even if coal hasn't been burned in years, the chimney is doomed because the salt has leached through the brick and plaster.

There are several other things conspiring to create moisture troubles. When we modernized and began using natural gas, we introduced moisture to our chimneys because gas combustion creates water. For every 10,000 BTUs of gas burned, one pound of water is produced. That doesn't sound like much, but a 100,000 BTU furnace exhales 10 pounds of water for every hour of operation (a gallon weighs just over 8 pounds). Most of this moisture escapes as steam, but chimneys capped too tightly can cause water to become trapped and condense on the colder bricks. Over time, the bricks can become water logged from rain and furnace moisture. The "weeping" usually appears near the roof line where the heat source is furthest away,



leaving bricks cooler and more friendly to condensation.

During World War II, Laclede Gas offered to install metal flue liners free of charge for gas conversion customers. Apparently, the requests overwhelmed the gas company and the offer was withdrawn. Next, a flue pipe was introduced that had a ring with a 1" gap around it to curtail moisture accumulation, but this idea was dropped because it made the furnace less efficient. Around this time, chimneys were swabbed on the inside to kill off sulfite salt, but without much success. Removing the clean-out plug to create more air movement through the chimney wasn't the answer, either, because your furnace wasn't designed to work that way.

Unfortunately, there aren't a lot of easy solutions here. I've tried drywalling over a real bad chimney breast, but the poison came right through. "Tears" ran down the drywall, giving it a haunted look. All solutions seem to revolve around installing an aluminum flue liner.

Once the moisture is carried out of the chimney, you still have to eliminate the salt residue. You may get by with painting a secret solution over the plaster to neutralize the chemical, but if that doesn't work, the plaster has to be removed

down to the brick. Then a REAL secret mixture is applied to the raw brick. (The people I interviewed wouldn't breathe a peep about what they used.) Sometimes, bricks are even replaced if that is what it takes. Newer "pulse" type furnaces help out here because they are vented directly outside without needing the chimney.

Weeping chimneys aren't a major problem. Have a reliable chimney man check to see if your chimney is capped too tightly or is blocked by a falling brick or nesting debris, and go from there. Don't let the weep creep into your sleep!

COOKIES FOR COPS

By Ruth Schnurbusch

I would like to thank you for your support during the last year. "Cookies for Cops" has been very successful due to your efforts. I've been impressed by the amount of treats that come in every time. The policemen and firemen have been thrilled with our visits. And it makes us feel good, too!

At this time, however, I am resigning as "Cookie Captain." I have handed over my spoon to Jean Iezzi, a loyal supporter of the cookie campaign. Please continue to help Jean "sweeten" our relationships with our police and firemen. Thanks again for all of your making, baking, and buying.

A stylized advertisement for Eddie Kane Building Renovation Company. The name "EDDIE KANE" is written in large, bold, slanted letters. Above it is the phone number "771-5462". To the right, there is a graphic of a hammer and a saw, with the text "Bringing the Beauty of old Homes Alive Today!". At the bottom, it says "A BUILDING RENOVATION COMPANY" and lists services: "CARPENTRY DRYWALL KITCHENS BATHS".

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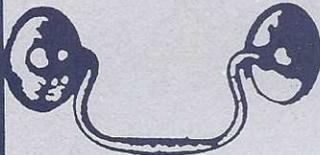
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A MESSAGE FROM REP. PAT DOUGHERTY

House members are expected to consider legislation this session to address health care concerns.

One bill includes provisions for physicians to make written agreements with nurses and physician's assistants to provide health care. Also, it would place money in the legal defense fund to pay limited malpractice insurance for retired physicians who volunteer to give primary care to charity patients.

This legislation would expand Medicaid to cover all children up to age 19 in families at or below the federal poverty level. All uninsured pregnant women and their children up to age one in families with incomes that fall at or below 150% of the poverty level also would be covered.

Funding for home health care that could keep elderly persons from being forced into nursing homes prematurely also is emphasized in this bill. The bill's provisions would be phased in over a four-year period.

Another piece of legislation would create a "Missouri Universal Health Assurance Program." The bill proposes a single-payer system by which insurance payments are made through one source as opposed to numerous private sources. Program funding would be placed in a separate trust fund and used to establish disease prevention programs, pay health care providers, make grants for health care and medical research, and develop and maintain health care institutions.

The program would be partially funded by employers, who would be required to pay a tax of 9% of total wages. A similar employer tax would be paid by self-employed persons and independent contractors.

The measure would impose an income tax surcharge on a taxpayer's adjusted gross income above \$5,000. These taxes would be based on a five-tier tax table, with wealthier Missourians paying a higher percentage.

These are just two of many health care measures expected to be considered by the House during the 1993 legislative session.

If you would like a copy of this legislation, please call my home at 772-1948, and I will mail it to you.

Representative Patrick Dougherty
District 67

POLICE BEAT



By Ed Schroeder

The January, 1993, meeting of the Third District Police Public Affairs Department was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, and hosted by the Soulard Restoration Group. Items covered at this meeting were the introduction of the new head of the Third District, Capt. Robert Bauman, the Officer of the Month Awards, and several speakers.

Capt. Everett Page was transferred from the Third District to the Bureau of Investigation Vice/Narcotics Section. We wish him the best. And the neighborhood welcomes Capt. Bauman with his experience and knowledge to the Third District. However, he's not new to our district, as he was assigned here both as a patrol officer and a sergeant. Capt. Bauman asked that many neighborhood residents come to the Public Affairs

meetings. That way, he'll get to know us and neighborhood problems and create an open line for communication between citizens and police.

Officers Catherine Dennis and Regina Jordan were Officers of the Month. They have been working with students and staff at Roosevelt High School since September. They're also involved in the Council on Education program at Shenandoah School. Congratulations to Officers Dennis and Jordan.

George Draper, First Assistant Circuit Attorney, spoke on the changes that will be made at the City Circuit Attorney's office since Dee Joyce Hayes was sworn in. That office is responsible for prosecution of criminals, so it's important that residents know as much as possible about the Circuit Attorney's Office.

Public Affairs Officer Terry Shoemaker spoke of the low crime rates in neighborhoods that have
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GRAND-OAK HILL DOINGS

By Ed Schroeder

At the Grand-Oak Hill general membership meeting on September 16, members voted unanimously to change the boundaries of Grand-Oak Hill. Boundaries now are Arsenal, Grand, Chippewa, and Kingshighway. I mention this because if you're a resident of GOH, which all of us in TGH are, you are entitled to use the "Borrow a Tool" program. GOH began this program by purchasing tools with money donated by local businesses. They have a large selection of tools for home repair and garden use, free to residents, including:

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To borrow a tool, call the Grand-Oak Hill Community Center at 865-5530 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and make arrangements for picking up your tools.

The GOH Community Corporation held its Board Meeting on January 7, 1993. The Board Members elected officers: Gloria Hoch, President; John Vincenzo, Vice President; Teresa Corley, Secretary; and Bev Dougherty, Financial Secretary.

Ed Schroeder is a member of the Board of Directors of the Grand-Oak Hill Community Corporation, and is GOH liaison to the Executive Committee of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association.

A MESSAGE FROM ALDERMAN GERALDINE OSBORN

The beginning of a new year seems to me to be a good time to review with you some of the projects that I have been working on during the past year. Projects like these don't just happen. They require funding and they require coordination and a lot of pushing and pulling to keep them moving. Sometimes it seems to take forever to get anything done at City Hall, and it is gratifying when years of effort behind the scenes finally begin to produce visible results.

1. The Tower Grove South Housing Corporation has acquired five four-family buildings that had gone into foreclosure. These properties are located on Bamberger, Hartford, Lackland, Maury, and Wyoming. Applications are now being accepted from potential owner-occupants or developers to renovate these vacant buildings into good dwelling units.

2. The project to convert a multi-family problem property at Spring and Juniata into three condo units is well under way. In fact, the first unit will be open for display on Easter Sunday.

3. The cobra-headed street lights on Grand Avenue from Arsenal to Gravois will be changed to increase the brightness of the lighting on this section of Grand Avenue. This will make the street safer and more attractive.

4. Thirty-six (36) businesses in our area have completed or are in the process of completing facade and awning improvements.

5. The improvements to the parking lot on the west side of Grand Avenue between Hartford and Juniata were finally completed this year. The lot is now more attractively screened from the street and from adjacent properties. This lot has helped to meet the need for off-street parking in this very successful business area.

These improvements are examples of what can be accomplished when local businesses, residents, public agencies, and neighborhood groups work together to deal with the problems and needs of the neighborhood.

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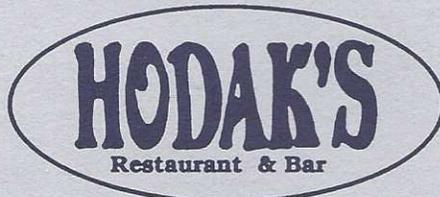
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Day Trippin' St. Genevieve

Mary Schroeder

In the last issue of the *Gazette* I talked about the fun of getting lost on the way to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Now I'll tell you what we found when we got there. The directions are much the same, take I-55 south, exit on Highway 32. That takes you directly into Ste. Genevieve. Once there, you may want to drive around a bit to get accustomed to the town or you can just start walking. Either way, it's a good idea to first stop at the Information Center on Third St.

Ste. Genevieve was the first permanent settlement in Missouri at the time when all of this area was part of Upper Louisiana, a colony of France. You see the French influence in festivals and architecture of the town. Many interesting homes date from the 1700s and are open for tours. (There are various entrance fees.) These old homes are sturdy, yet elegant with typical encircling heavy-posted porches, and low hanging roofs. (If you're short on money, it's still fun to just stroll around taking in the total environment.)

Check out the Ste. Genevieve Museum and courthouse, library, homes, inns, churches, shops, and restaurants. Many travelers try the Old Brick Restaurant which serves a special liver dumpling. This must taste more like White Castle than liver because most are said to love it. There are lots of other eateries, too. The Southern Hotel is a town landmark and is open for overnight stays. Of course, other inns and Bed and Breakfast homes are open to travelers, too. One historic site showing the way French settlers lived is the Felix Valle House. There is a winery that opened recently in Ste. Genevieve, too. Unfortunately, I don't remember the address, but I'm sure you will see it as you explore, it stands in an old building near the street. And for those interested in outlet shopping, a lingerie outlet store is near the courthouse. Don't let the unassuming storefront throw you, the shop carries irregulars from a nationally known Ste. Genevieve lingerie manufacturer.

To get more info on festivals and fairs, contact the Ste. Genevieve Information Center. Spring and summer will be the best for the fun of festivals. You have plenty of time now to prepare a summer trip. If you don't like crowds or prefer to travel spontaneously, go anytime. It takes about an hour to get there and Ste. Genevieve is always worth a visit.

SCHOOLING AROUND



By Tom Jenneman

This is the first in a series on local schools.

The white stone faces of St. Pius V Catholic Church and School are a landmark in our community. The cornerstone of the three-story brick and stone building at Grand and Utah reads 1906, and although teaching methods have been updated, a number of uniformed students sit in the same classrooms once occupied by their parents a generation before, and some even have the same teacher. So the school and church provide the community with a sense of history and continuity of values.

"A religious presence in the community makes a difference," said St. Pius Principal Kathleen Murphy.

Murphy, a Tower Grove Heights resident and TGHNA member, became principal three years ago.

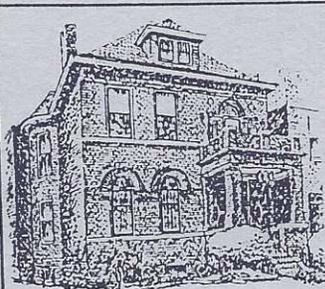
St. Pius has 204 students in one class each of kindergarten through eighth grade, Murphy said.

The school has nine full-time teachers; music and physical education are taught by part-time teachers. Although St. Pius still has a traditional affiliation with the Sisters of Loretto, only two of the school's teachers are nuns.

When asked what is the best thing about St. Pius, Murphy replied, "I believe it is the parental support and participation." School parents recently raised more than \$25,000 for the school, she said.

In January, the school opened a parents' room, furnished with several round tables and a personal computer donated by a parent. Murphy hopes more school parents will take the opportunity to observe and participate in daily activities as well as meet one another.

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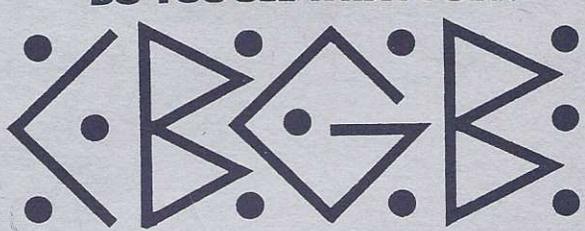
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MEET THE PRESS

You read or see their work every other month, but do you know who they are or what they do in real life? We thought you might like to Meet the Press! One *Gazette* staffer will be featured each issue.



Margie Meyer and husband Paul live with their three children in the 3800 block of Connecticut. She's a block captain and handles Market Fare for the Association. And, she's president-elect of TGHNA! In their spare time, she and Paul travel, plan and have great parties, and create unique family Christmas cards.



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ELECTRIFYING WINNERS

By Don Hardin

The results are in! The annual Holiday in the Heights lighting competition is a "bright" memory and here are the winners: Best Overall: 3722 Juniata - \$30 gift certificate at Futon Express'; Best Theme: 3826 Connecticut - Holiday in the Heights Poster; most Creative: 3621 Utah - homemade cheesecake; Best Use of Lights: 3885 Juniata - a pie from Market Fare; Most Elegant: 3664 Hartford - a timer; Best Religious: 3805 Hartford - pizzas from Market Fare; Most Whimsical: 3842 Utah, - ribs from Market Fare; Most Victorian: 3667 Utah - pie from Market Fare; Honorable

Mention: 3809 Hartford - pizza from Market Fare; Honorable Mention: 3625 Connecticut, Tower Grove Heights T-shirt.

Thanks go to our judges: Marty Schmidt from Shaw Neighborhood, LeeAnn Tapscott from the Hill, Noeli Watowa from Webster Groves.

This year, Tower Grove Heights and Parkside South were "friendly combatants" in a lighting competition. The winner in Parkside South was 3171-3173 Portis Place, and the winner in Tower Grove Heights was 3831 Wyoming. The winner for Best Overall Neighborhood Lighting was - TOWER GROVE HEIGHTS!!

Thanks to judges Frank Neal of Cheap Trx, Tony Hitt of Zip, and Shawn Scott of Grand Books. Special thanks to Glenna Ard of Parkside South. Let's do it again next year.

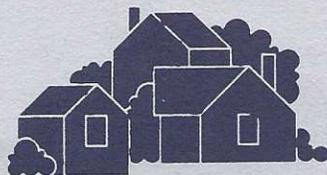
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implemented crime fighting strategies --mobile patrols, Operation Ident, etc. Anti-theft collars for GM vehicles with tilt steering wheels are available. Call Officer Shoemaker at 444-0169 for more information.

Congratulations to Lenita Moore and Susie Gudermuth Hays. After much hard work, they have graduated from the St. Louis Police Department's Citizen's Academy and are now qualified for the "Ride with a Cop" program.

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INNER SPACES

By Tricia Heliker

Choosing colors for walls of interior rooms intimidates those without a clear sense of preference or those who lack confidence in creating a harmonious finished product. These individuals generally choose white to reduce chances of a "mistake." The market has responded with over 50 shades of white!

This satisfies many, but the human eye is able to distinguish over a million colors. Why limit it to so few?

Color creates human feelings. If we know what our responses are to certain colors, we can use them to enhance our living spaces so that pleasant emotions are intensified. Studies show common responses: an air-conditioned room painted gray will feel cold to people, whereas a room cooled to the same temperature painted orange will seem comfortable. Blue is a universally appealing color. In practically all tests of preference, it holds top place. An appreciation of blue increases in direct proportion to higher education, greater refinement, and higher income.

If green makes you look sick, you may not want to paint your bathroom green.

Psychologists say that tasks which require muscular effort will be best performed in an environment of warm colors which stimulate the pulse. If a task involves mental concentration, the calm atmosphere of tranquil blues and greens will serve best.

What happens when other colors are added? One color does something and another complements it and neutralizes it. The combination of colors creates visually stimulating environments. It is important to create color balance without letting one color dominate.

So where does that leave you? Most people know what they don't like and that is a good place to start. Again, look at magazines, visit showrooms,

and browse through furniture stores and model homes. Take note of what colors and combinations of colors are pleasing to you.

Don't forget to notice how you look surrounded by certain colors. If green makes you look sick, you may not want to paint your bathroom green.

Visit an art supply store and purchase a large sheet of paper in the color you are considering. Put it where you can see it easily and often. Look at it under different light conditions. Stick it behind you while you study yourself in the mirror. Live with it for a few weeks. See if you tire of it or love it even more.

Invest in a quart of paint and paint a section of wall or a piece of drywall.

Complete satisfaction is well worth the cost of a couple of quarts of paint. Don't forget about checking your sample in natural light and artificial light. It might mean the difference between your pink looking like a faded tea rose or garish bubble gum.

Need help making up your mind about your color choices? Try sitting in a room painted yellow. Studies indicate you'll be able to think better, have more self confidence, and be more creative. If that doesn't help, consider that yellow is supposed to make you feel cheerful. Smile!



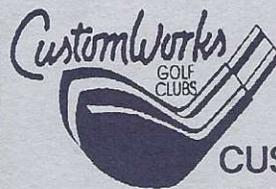
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The committee wants to install planters on selected street corners. Light Up the Heights will take light bulbs to each home and ask residents to install the bulbs in their porch lights and keep them on all night.

The TGHNA police liaison, Jake Braun, helps improve neighborhood relations with the Third District Police. Braun attends the district meetings regularly and reports at the TGHNA general meetings. Braun admits that, because his position is new, he's "not real familiar with what the job entails. I'll do my best to convey any concerns to the police," Braun states. "I've always been interested in the safety of the community we live in."

A goal of the Publications Committee, chaired by Elizabeth Braznell, is to have the *Gazette* turn a profit in 1993. With advertising increasing, it will hopefully lead to a donation in the money pot. To date, the expense of printing such a fine neighborhood newsletter has caused ad money to just cover expenses.

Get involved. Become an Association member. Attend the next neighborhood meeting and sign up for a committee. Please...all of the fabulous plans for years to come will need your help.

TASTE BUD ALERT

By Tricia Heliker

Check the dessert file for the card with the most food stains and copy down those family favorites. We need them for the Tower Grove Heights cookbook!

The committee plans to do sections beginning with desserts and ending with...aaah...maybe veggies. A section will be added each year. We hope to have the first section printed by Oct., so send those great Christmas cookie recipes.

Anyone interested in working on the committee should contact Jean Iezzi, Diane Hurwitz, or Tricia Heliker. Or call 772-5982. Recipes may be given to them or mailed to Tricia at 3802 Hartford.

Include your name, address, and phone number. Help the committee by double checking ingredients and measurements, and by writing clear instructions. Don't forget to include pan sizes, oven temperatures, and baking times. Any questions or suggestions may be directed to Jean at 772-4987.

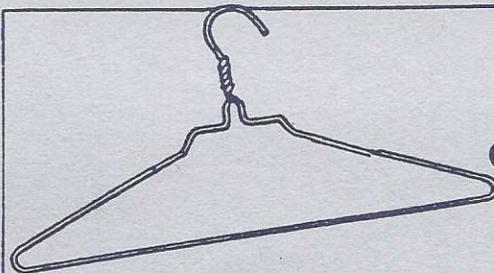
NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

By Stephanie Gavin

Have you every needed to contact a neighbor, but didn't know the name? To make contacting other neighborhood residents easier, the Neighborhood Improvement Committee is in the process of creating a Tower Grove Heights Directory. With names listed by streets and building numbers, it will provide a way for neighbors to contact one another.

Some neighborhood streets are almost complete and ready for printing. If, however, you have not contacted Cecelia Porter yet, please do. Her number is 772-9402. She has a box on her front porch to drop by your name, address, and number, or to request not to be included in the Directory. If she doesn't hear from you, she will get your name and phone number from public records.

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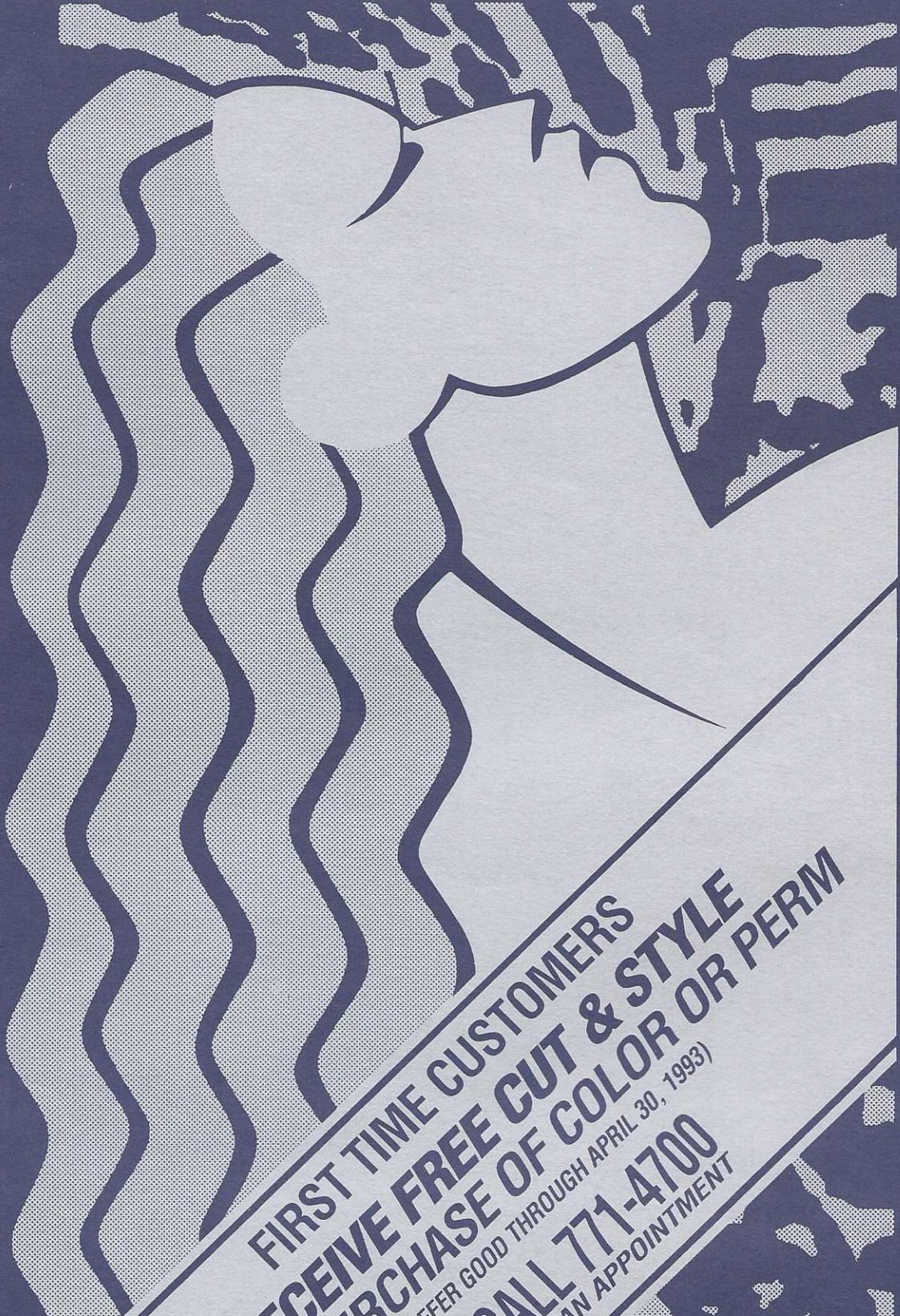
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OUTSTANDING MRS. LIU

By Elizabeth Braznell

Mrs. Chang Liu, Assistant Manager of the Carpenter Branch Library, was named one of the St. Louis Public Library's most outstanding women employees for 1992. A luncheon at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Union Station was held December 4 in her honor and those of the other outstanding women employees.

During the selection process, consideration was given to the individual's high level of achievement, exceptional leadership potential, and valuable contributions through skill or efforts.

Tower Grove Heights recognizes the value of the Carpenter Branch Library and its excellent staff to our neighborhood. It's no surprise to us that the Library found and outstanding woman employee there! Congratulations, Mrs. Liu!



A LEAP OF FAITH

By Margie Meyer

By this time, work on the Hartford Arms is old news, right? Not really! The news just keeps coming.

It seems unbelievable that the eyesore at Juniata and Spring would ever be developed into charming townhomes. Reminiscent of the New Orleans' style, in the front there is wrought iron fencing, and the back is a cozy court yard.

Susie Gudermuth, president of the Tower Grove Heights Housing Corporation, has been bravely optimistic and persistent with this project. She credits Joe Curtis, Vice Chairman of Commerce Bank. "He was driving through the neighborhood and saw our sign and called," Susie said. "This is truly a leap of faith on the part of Commerce Bank to finance before an actual sale commitment. But it shows that the development is financially solid."

Financially solid may not sound exciting, but these townhomes are just that!

The gracious entry feels like you have stepped into the feature article of *Metro-politan Home* titled "Urban Unique." The great room with its fourteen-foot ceilings, supersized windows, and the wooden-framed patio doors give an almost museum feel to the room. Upstairs in the master bedroom, there's space for a home office, an easy chair or two, and the obligatory stationary bike.

The owners of this home will never have to tote heavy laundry baskets up the stairs. The laundry room is on the second floor, where the clothes and linens are used. (Smart, huh?)

We aren't the only ones who think these 2400-square-foot homes are pretty wonderful. The *Post-Dispatch* will feature the Hartford Arms as its house of the month in the Easter Sunday (April 11) edition. As I said, the good news keeps coming!



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 Carol Hoffmeister (3656)
3800 Hartford
 Jan Booth (3807)
 Jodie Heliker (3802)
 Donna Mayes (3825)
 Bill Wright (3836)
3600/3700 Juniata
 Paul Ladensack (3650)
3800 Juniata
 Anita Barker (3818)
 Pam Blanner (3810)
 Shauna Feely (3871)
 Tod Flak (3850)
3600/3700 Connecticut
 Kirk Brandt (3652)
 Tom Corriel (3618)
 Chris & Rich Jamison (3625)
 Micky Schultz (3618)
3800 Connecticut
 Keely Cook (3830)
 Mike Johnson
 Margie Meyer (3860A)
 Janice Nesser (3822)
3600/3700 Wyoming
 Paddy McPhillips (3668)
 Betsy Vanderheyden (3656)
3800 Wyoming
 Linda & Peter Fick
3600/3700 Humphrey
 Felicia Foland (3671)
 Kati Guerra (3671)
 Brian Stefanick (3649)
 Joe Sume (3728)
3800 Humphrey
 Annette Latham (3814)
 Patricia Goddard (3840)
3600/3800 Utah Place
 Lou & Tom Jenneman (3735)
 Michele Kerr (3636)
3800 Utah Place
 Katy Blair (3862)
 Susie Guderemuth (3834)
 Veda Lynn (3855)

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the Botanical Garden's historical records. Karel says the resources available to the restoration program are tremendous. "Old drawings, old photographs, old lists, Shaw never threw anything away. We have lists of the trees that he ordered, you know, his invoices. He kept all that stuff. In fact, it's a little overwhelming. It took two years to put this thing together, but what we have now is very, very valuable.

The only thing we're lacking now is money to implement it."

The Park proposed a five-year program calling for attention to three major areas: improving the tree health by pruning, fertilizing, and spraying; planting trees that need to be added to the collection; and telling the public how they can enjoy it. The park can be an outstanding educational tool for learning about different kinds of trees, the history of various kinds of landscapes, and gardening.

"It's probably the most diverse urban forest in the United States, says Karel. "It is a superb amenity for the City as an aesthetic, a recreational resource, and an environmental benefit. It absorbs a lot of heat, cleans a lot of air, provides a lot of cooling shade for people during the hot summer months. This is a greenspace with a capital G!"

Although the park is 123 years old, Karel emphasizes the importance of continuing care. "Trees in an urban setting need care, and we have to find the resources. It's not exactly like a tropical rainforest which can kind of run itself. An urban forest is different. In order for it to function properly, it has to have some assistance from human beings."



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NEWS AND NOTES

BULK TRASH PICK-UP

Bulk trash pick-up will be Monday, March 22 and Monday, April 19. Bulk items should be set in the alley before 7 a.m. Separate recyclables such as batteries and appliances. Remember, don't block the dumpsters, or they won't be tipped!

TGHNA BASEBALL NIGHT

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association will take to the stands in Busch Stadium Monday, May 5, at 7:35 to root for the Cardinals against the Houston Astros. Regularly \$9, the reserved seat tickets are \$7.50 for TGHNA members and \$8 for non-members. Call 772-5982 or see your block captain to reserve your seats. Or, make your reservations at the pot-luck general meeting on Sunday, March 14, at First Divine Science Church.

REALTOR'S OPEN HOUSE EASTER SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 11 (Easter Sunday), the Hartford Arms will be featured as House of the Month in the *Post-Dispatch* Real Estate section. To showcase our neighborhood, realtors with listings in the area will be asked to hold their properties open from 2 to 5 p.m., and a house tour will be organized. If you are an owner of a for-sale property and wish to include it in the tour, or if you would like your rehabbed home on tour as a display home, call Jean Iezzi at 772-5982.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY

The Block Captains will sponsor a get-together at the Black Thorn pub, corner of Wyoming and Spring, on Tuesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. Newcomers to the neighborhood are encouraged to come, meet your neighbors, and have a good time in one of the area's finer relaxation establishments. Food will be provided, cash bar. See you there!

TGHNA ADDRESS CHANGE

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association has a new mailing address: 3203 South Grand Blvd, #103, St. Louis, MO 63118.