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The Tarantula Hawks of Hartford Street

By Rick Clinebell

It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's superwasp! They are among the largest wasps in the local fauna, over an inch long and jet black with black wings. They appeared in the garden eight years ago with the first flowers of the first swamp milkweeds, which provide the nectar they favor, but I did not learn what they were until about eight weeks ago, when I obtained a copy of the monograph of the genus *Pepsis*, the tarantula wasps in the great family Pompiliidae. This tome is about fifty years old and was published from the dissertation of an entomologist named Hurd from that era, and from UC Berkeley, which I miss terribly from my decade in San Francisco.



One of the accidents of history is that St. Louis does not have a natural history museum, and hence no public insect collection. Actually, the herbarium at the Missouri Botanical Garden constitutes one department (botany) of a natural history museum, but the lack of an insect collection and supporting entomological library makes life very difficult for anyone crazy enough to set out to learn the pollinating insects of the St. Louis area.

One of the tragedies of history is that while manuals for the moths of the eastern United States and for the bees of the eastern United States were published during the heyday of natural history studies in the earlier decades of the twentieth century, no comparable manuals for any western state for any large insect group were ever completed, to my knowledge. This means putting names on an insect from New Mexico, or western Texas, or Colorado involves scrounging through literally thousands of little articles in a host of largely obscure journals, most of which are not maintained in any St. Louis library.

Back to the tarantula wasps. The first ones I caught were from my first postdoctoral field trip to the Cimarron, Comanche and Kiowa National Grasslands (in Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico, respectively, where these states most nearly meet). It was about 105 degrees F, and Don was sitting in the rental car in the air conditioning while I was running across the plains with my butterfly net. On the plains milkweeds, there were these huge (up to 2 1/2 inches) blackish-blue wasps with reddish, cinnamon wings working the milkweed flowers. I found out later that

these are tarantula hawks, and have the most painful stings of any wasp in North America. After all, they can paralyze a tarantula, which they drag to a burrow, then lay an egg upon them and seal up the burrow. When the larva hatches, it consumes the tarantula, cocoons and emerges to start the cycle again, rather like the life cycle of the creature in the Aliens movies.

Fortunately, the wasps are very docile on the milkweed flowers, rather like the sailors of Odysseus on the island of the lotus eaters, and I never got stung. When I got ahold of the monograph a couple of months ago, I discovered there are two great groups of tarantula hawks – one group with reddish wings, like the ones Don and I encountered in the Southwest, and another with black wings, of which ours, *Pepsis elegans*, is a member.

Putting two and two together – the existence of a series of species with black wings, and the fondness of this group for milkweed nectar – I realized that we indeed had tarantula hawks in Tower Grove Heights. But where did they come from? Perhaps they have been subsisting on the weedy vine milkweed, which is one of the most common weeds in the neighborhood. While we have no tarantulas here, there are large ground spiders, called wolf spiders, and these are surely the host organisms for *Pepsis elegans* in Tower Grove Heights.

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Pepsis elegans has consistently found my swamp milkweeds for each of the past eight summers, and so it surely has been here prior. While the sting is the most painful of any North American bee or wasp, tarantula hawks are docile organisms, at least when they can be seen – which is when foraging on milkweed flowers. However, like any wild creature, they should be treated with respect. Since we have so many children in the Heights, and a healthy population of tarantula hawks, it might be provident for parents to be aware of them, and appropriate to caution children about them. Grabbing one of these critters is not something anybody would want to do!



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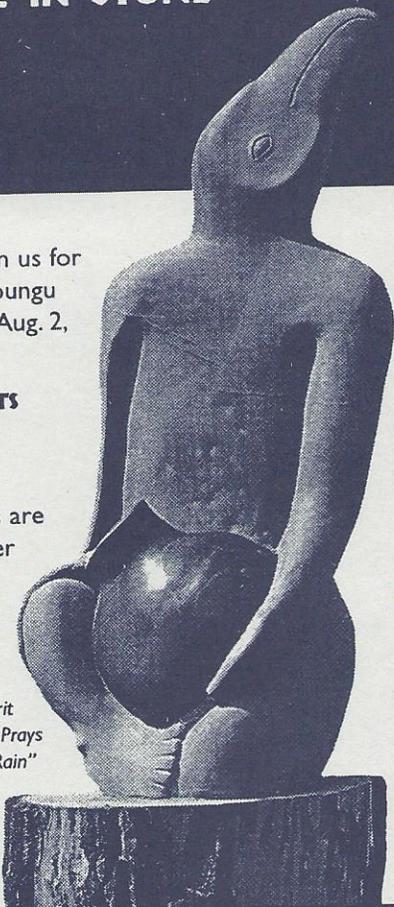
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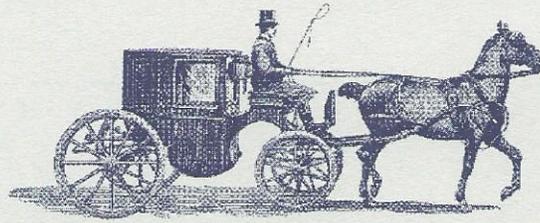
Dining on South Grand - Café Madeleine

By Tim and Deb Akin

So it is Sunday and you feel like a picnic in Tower Grove Park but you don't feel like preparing the food. Or maybe, you want an elegant brunch close to home that offers a full menu with an unusual setting. Whatever your reasons, Café Madeleine is the place to be on a Sunday. Located in the beautifully restored and very historic Piper Palm House in Tower Grove Park, the Café offers gourmet food in the most beautiful setting in the city of St. Louis.

The opportunity to dine in the Palm House is reason enough to try Café Madeleine. Combine that with a varied menu and high quality food provided by

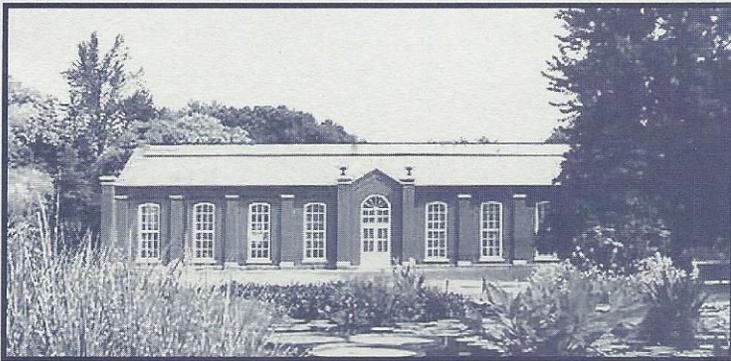
LaChef catering and you have a winner. The menu consists of breads and pastries, salads, sandwiches, specialties and desserts. We have tried many items on various visits and have found them all to be very good. The quiche and salads are particularly good and the soup gets lots of raves. Even if you aren't in the mood for a meal, Café Madeleine is a great stop for a coffee, tea, latte or cappuccino during your Sunday walk in the park.



sengers at a time with as many passenger changes as you would like. The carriage is pulled by Jimmy Joe (an honest to goodness Clydesdale) and can be rented in half-hour increments up to three hours. It is also available for weddings at a special package price. We can tell you that it is fun and the closest way to experience Tower Grove Park as it was in the 1800's. Tips and carrots are appreciated.

Café Madeleine is open on Sundays from 10:00am-3:00pm. If you are in a hurry or have a large group of people, reservations are recommended. Please call LaChef Catering at 314-647-5350 or the Piper Palm House at 314-865-1093 for more information. You can also call the numbers above if you are interested in holding a private luncheon, celebration or special event at the Palm House. For Carriage rides, please call the Park Office at 314-771-2679 ext. 1010 for reservations. Two weeks minimum advanced notice is required.

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Light Pole Banners

For many years, Tower Grove Heights has had banners on light poles at all entrances to the Heights. The current design was created by a Heights resident. The banners are now old and in need of replacement. Many have been taken down due to their age and poor condition. The Neighborhood Association is asking for submissions of artistic designs and drawings for the new banners.

Designs should be simple enough to easily identify the neighborhood to passing pedestrians and motorists and should include the words "Tower Grove Heights." Design submissions do not have to be final quality but should convey the intent of the artist. Keep in mind that the final banners

will be approximately 8 feet tall by 3 feet wide and can use two colors. Please make all submissions large enough that they can be easily viewed and judged and make them in proportion to the final banner measurements (make them *at least* 11in tall and 4in wide). If you want to see an example of our current banners, look at the light pole



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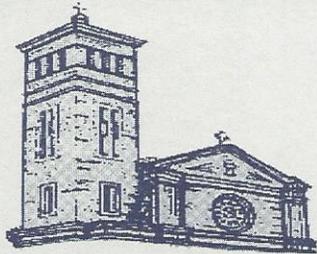
in the median where Utah meets Grand. Designs will be judged by the Executive Board of TGHNA and should be completed by the end of August. For more

information and to submit your drawings, contact TGHNA President Michael Renner at 773-2527 or talk to one of the Executive Board members at a neighborhood association meeting.

Holiday Cards

Did you see the TGHNA Holiday Cards? They had an old (late 1800's/early 1900's) photograph of a snowy Tower Grove Park with a horse and buggy passing by the Turkish Pavilion. We received such a positive response to the cards, that we will be repeating the fund-raiser next year. We are in need of photographs or artwork depicting Winter or the Holidays in Tower Grove Heights or Tower Grove Park. So, look through your old photos and paintings (or create new ones) that show off our area. Once you have photos or artwork that would be suitable for a Holiday Card, contact Gazette editor Tod Martin at 771-6292 or GazetteEditor@towergroveheights.com. We'll need to start making the cards by October 1st. Good Luck!

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Finding the Core of Community with Coro

By Amanda E. Doyle

Let's be honest: as much as most of us in Tower Grove Heights love our neighborhood and our city, it's not too often that St. Louis is regarded as a trendsetter. The hot, new drinks, dances and fashions usually start on the coasts and arrive on Midwestern "shores" (the Mississippi, perhaps?) belatedly. All the more reason, then, for us to celebrate the Coro Midwestern Center, the local affiliate of an intense, post-graduate leadership training program that exists in only six cities nationwide.

The Coro Midwestern Center seeks to train leaders to strengthen communities. As folks who may have dabbled in professional studenthood (like myself) can attest, there are myriad programs in the world for post-graduate work in medicine, law, social work and other fields, but Coro fills a niche in providing ongoing leadership training. Coro values community-based leaders who are willing to devote time and energy to enhancing their personal and professional leadership skills.

In St. Louis, the Coro Midwestern Center offers four programs: the Neighborhood Leaders program, the Women in Leadership program, customized training programs on a contract basis and the Fellows Program in Public Affairs, the longest-standing effort. As we have a couple of Coro Fellows currently living in the Tower Grove neighborhoods, consider this your brief introduction to what they're up to.

The Fellows program brings an incoming class of about 12 individuals to St. Louis to complete a rigorous nine-month graduate-level program in the inner workings of public affairs. During their time in Coro, the fellows rotate through a series of six field assignments. Essentially, these are mini-internships, and placements include a government agency, a business, a political campaign, a labor union, a media organization and a non-profit group. Each Fellow is responsible for directing her own learning, determining how to get the most out of each assignment. The idea is for the program participants to get a feel for how organizations get things done in the social, political and economic "real world" of a city.

In their spare time (pause here for laughter), the Fellows participate in: group and individual public service projects, group seminars that last into the wee hours (where they hear from community leaders, discussions of upcoming placements and projects or develop their own public speaking skills), and focus weeks about a particular sector of the state. At the end of it all, they are equipped to undertake leadership roles in the communities in which they find themselves. They learn to work effectively with members of diverse groups, to build consensus where there are differing viewpoints and agendas, to design and carry out projects and to promote effective decision-making.

Busy folks, these. One of this year's Fellows, Gary Kosman, took a few moments out of his schedule to talk about Coro and his take on life in Tower Grove South.

Q: What's been your favorite Coro placement so far, and why?

A: My best placement has been with the United Food and Commercial Workers. They're the guys that represent grocery store checkers, stockers and receivers, show factory workers, and (coming soon), the nurses at St. John's hospital. The union had an incredible commitment to customer service — one that I will work to instill in whatever organization I build in the future. Just as an example: Union members can contact their business representatives 24 hours a day. When members have problems or "grievances," all they have to do is call their reps' voicemail, which automatically pages the reps. The reps are responsible for contacting their members as soon as they get the page (and they do!), be it 2 p.m. or 2 a.m. I never would have thought that a business rep would get out of bed in 2 a.m. and drive 40 minutes to a Shop N' Save to check on a member. It happens. I think all for profit and nonprofit service organizations could benefit from observing this commitment to customer service.

Q: How did you end up living in Tower Grove South? What things attracted you to the neighborhood?

A: I actually started out living in TG East. Due to lead based paint chipping, however,

I contacted the Tower Grove South Management Corporation and found a newly renovated place on Alfred. I picked the Tower Grove area to begin with because it was so different from the communities in which I lived in high school and college (mainly white middle/middle-upper class). I love that on my block live a bunch of people from different backgrounds who earn different incomes. Even more, I love that there's a Bosnian restaurant and nightclub around the corner from me (1001 Noc — great food, great service!) and that I'm in skipping distance from TG Park. Most importantly, however... the people on my block (regardless of cultural and economic background) do have conversations with each other and spend time on each others' stoops hanging out. It's great to live in a community where there is "community."

Q: What are a couple of interesting things you've learned since you've arrived in our fair city?

A: First, I've learned that the City is home to incredible individuals and groups who work their butts off to help the City bounce back. For a part of the country that people often describe as "hopeless," it's encouraging to see the famed "St. Louis Cinch" being beaten down every day.

At the same time, however, I truly believe that the City will only bounce back if it also addresses its environmental challenges (especially air quality). From growing up in LA during the 1980s and early '90s, I know what it's like to breathe poor air. However, I actually have a harder time breathing the air in St. Louis than LA (and I was just in LA two weeks ago). It's depressing that I've learned that I should not drive with the windows down in the City unless I want to inhale poorly regulated automobile emissions. While my opinions and experiences are my own, the scientific data back it up. Check out Environmental Defense's new web site, www.formyworld.com, type in your zip code, and see that St. Louis has some of the most polluted air in the nation. The data will make you think twice about how closely we should regulate current industry and whether we should care about the proposed St. Genevieve cement plant.

June is Pride Month

June should prove to be a festive month for the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender community in St. Louis as pride celebrations will include a parade along South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis PrideFest in Tower Grove Park, and Pride Day at Six Flags among other events.

A Good Day for a Parade

“STRONGER! Embrace Diversity!” will be the parade theme following this year’s International Pride theme and the St. Louis PrideFest theme, “Embrace Diversity.” It was also announced that nationally known DJs Danny Morris and Michelle King will be featured in this year’s parade showcasing the outstanding musical talents based in the St. Louis area. International singing sensation Kristine W. had to cancel her appearance as Grand Marshall of the parade and as a performer on the main stage at PrideFest due to health reasons. At press time, her replacement for Grand Marshall has not been named. Chicago native and popular dance club diva Lanza Waters will take over her duties as a performer on the main stage at Pride Fest.

“The parade is about our region and demonstrating to our community, as a whole, the important role each person plays in celebrating diversity,” stated Michael Caskey, a company executive for Integrated Marketing Solutions, Inc, a Seattle based company helping to produce the parade. He further explained that over one hundred organizations and groups participate in the parade each year and this in itself allows us to embrace diversity!” Other surprises are in store as the company, iMS, continues to expand and grow the size and scope of the parade.

“We are opening this parade up regionally, we want representation from more states and organizations. St. Louis should really be proud of it’s Festival growth and the regional attention,” said Dennis Gorg, iMS executive.

The Parade runs along Grand Avenue in St. Louis North from Utah to Arsenal beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 24, 2001. Applications for groups and organizations to enter the parade are available by calling

iMS at (206) 381-9045 or email at iMSInformation@aol.com. The Pride Parade is sponsored by Pucker, VOX, King Automotive Group, Out In St. Louis.com and Bud Light.

A Great Weekend for a Party

St. Louis PrideFest 2001 will feature the headlining entertainment of **Lanza Waters** as well as **Joan Jett and the Blackhearts**. Noted author, scholar, and activist **Barbara Smith** will serve as keynote speaker

“With each year of this festival, we aim to bring the community some of the best and strongest entertainment options available,” said Brian Railey, Director of Events for Pride



St. Louis. “In so doing, we are bringing the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and straight-allied community together to commemorate our past while celebrating our present pride.” continued Railey.

St. Louis PrideFest 2001 will take place on Saturday, June 23, and Sunday June 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. both days, in historic Tower Grove Park. As always, the festival is free to the public, and will feature over 100 merchandise, food, beverage, and informational booths along with the Pride Parade, a dance floor, sports and arts festival, and educational forums.

Some 44,000 were in attendance last year with well over 50,000 are expected this year. In addition to Bud Light, this festival is sponsored by PlanetOut, American Airlines, Marriott Hotel, Instinct Magazine, Curve Magazine, 104.1 The Mall, Out In St. Louis.Com, Pucker, VOX, King Chrysler, Attitudes, FACES, Elbert Pontiac-GMC Buick, Lambda Car Club, Seven Up/Dr. Pepper, and Inside Out.

Lanza Waters will perform Sunday, June 24 at 7:30p.m. from the main stage. Lanza’s strong background in Chicago’s Top 40’s circuit would eventually see her to

a successful record deal with A & M records. As the singer of the dance music duo Love Tribe, Lanza displayed her extraordinary vocal and writing talent on their debut club hit Stand Up, which topped many charts internationally, and claimed the number one mantle of the Billboard Chart. Love Tribe’s single also can be heard on the sound track for the paramount film “Kiss Me Guido” as well as several dance compilations.

In addition to Stand Up, the songs she will perform at PrideFest will include Mountain Top, So Glad, Ordinary People, and her newest release, Do it to the Music. She has now formed her own record label 723 Music, and still enjoys touring the world, which has included England, Malaysia, Australia, and Germany. As she works for the release of her debut album under this label, she is sure to continue setting the crowds on fire with her hot music and lyrics, along with her silky voice.

Joan Jett’s icon status as a pop culture symbol of what women can achieve continues to grow throughout the world. She is perhaps the first female artist to own her own record label, and has expanded that part of her universe by joining forces with her original record company, Mercury/Universal, to distribute Blackheart Records through a major label for the first time and to revitalize the already impressive catalog sales of The Runaways, by retooling and reconfiguring the works of Mercury’s original bad girl rock & roll band.

The Blackhearts recently contributed a track to the Iggy Pop tribute album to benefit Lifebeat, a music industry AIDS charity. Joan’s interest in charity and women’s causes allowed her to express her support of women’s college basketball by rocking up The Mary Tyler Moore theme song, Love Is All Around, which became an anthem and instant hit record. She recently joined the Indigo Girls on stage at Madison Square Garden for an encore of Crimson and Clover. The Lillith Fair artists and Nine Inch Nails cite her as an inspiration. She and her music are the backbone of today’s rock & roll feminist revolution.

Keynote speaker **Barbara Smith** will address the crowds at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, 2001 in Tower Grove Park, from

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the main stage. Immediately following her appearance, she will conduct a less formal, more intimate Question and Answer session and book signing at the Stupp Center Amphitheater, located in Tower Grove Park near the corner of Arsenal and Grand.

Barbara Smith is an author and independent scholar who has played a groundbreaking role in opening up a national cultural and political dialogue about the intersections of race, class, sexuality, and gender. In her innovative work as a critic, teacher, activist, lecturer, and publisher, Smith was among the first to define an African American women's literary tradition and to build Black Women's studies and Black feminism in the United States. She offers a consistently fresh approach to discussing complex social problems, especially racism and other types of bigotry.

"St. Louis PrideFest has always strove to present Keynote speakers who provoke and inspire our community," said Brian Railey, Director of Events. "Amongst others, our past has included notables such as Urvashi Vaid, David Mixner, Armistead Maupin, local political leaders, and Stonewall Veterans. We are exceptionally fortunate to bring Ms. Smith to St. Louis as we all grapple with the important dialogue that she inspires." continued Railey.

She is the co-founder of Kitchen Table Press, and she has appeared in films such as "Pink Triangles" and Marlon Riggs' "Black Is, Black Ain't". Other appearances have been on National Public Radio, MSNBC, The Pacifica Network, "Donahue", and "Charlie Rose". Her essays have appeared in numerous publications, including "The Village Voice", "Gay Community News", and "The Guardian". Her writings include "The Truth That Never Hurts: Writings on Race, Gender, and Freedom" as well as her work appears in local author Kris Kleindienst's "This is What Lesbian Looks Like."

Begin the Month with Pride Day at Six Flags

In addition to St. Louis' annual PrideFest, the gay and lesbian community from across the Mid-Western region look forward to the annual Pride Day at Six Flags.

This year, this event will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2001, during park hours from 10:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. The park is located at I44 & Allenton-Six Flags Road. All proceeds benefit Pride St. Louis, Inc. with the ticket price being \$23.00. Parking is free with every 2 tickets purchased.

"We want the community to know that Pride St. Louis only benefits from this event if you buy the tickets through our organization," said Brian Railey, Pride St. Louis Director of Events. "You will not be able to obtain this great price at the gate! As always, supporting Pride directly ensures your dollars go to throw one of the area's best Pride Festivals!" Continued Railey.

Tickets can be found at the following Pride St. Louis ticket outlets: Cheap Trx, Heffalump's, Left Bank Books, MoKaBe's,

and Planet Proud. The ticket ordering form can also be found on line at www.pridesaintlouis.com. No mail orders will be accepted after June 2, 2001. Credit cards will be accepted on the order form. Additionally, orders can be mailed in to Pride St. Louis, PO Box 2826, St. Louis, MO. 63111. Enclose your check for \$23.00 per person, along with your full name, address, phone number, and email address.

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For more information on Pride Day at Six Flags (June 10), St. Louis PrideFest (June 23-24) featuring Joan Jett and The Blackhearts as well as Latanza Waters and Barbara Smith, and the St. Louis Pride Parade (June 24) on South Grand Boulevard, go to www.pridesaintlouis.com or call (314)772-8888.



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Resident Profile - Sue Clavin

By Erin O'Reilly

Sue Clavin and her family are another three generation family living in Tower Grove Heights. Sue's grandmother settled in the 3600 block of Humphrey and raised her family there. Sue's mother, Colette Elzer, grew up in that Humphrey street house and attended St. Elizabeth's school. Sue's mother met her future husband, Don Price, and wooed him from the Shaw neighborhood to the Tower Grove Heights area. They married in 1945 at St. Pius and made their home in the 3600 block of Humphrey street also. Later they moved two houses down to a bigger home to accommodate their expanding family. They have three daughters and a son who are all grown and have their own families now. Two of their daughters, Sue and Mary, have made their homes in the 3600 block of Humphrey with their families!

Sue met her husband, Kevin, who is from the Cherokee street area, at Roosevelt H.S. They were married at St. Pius also and have made their home in the original home of Sue's parents. They have two boys who go to school at St. Pius: Joe is 12 years old and Tim is 10 years old. Mary and her husband, Jeff, who is from the Kingshighway Hills area, live across the street in the grandparents' original home. They have two children (Sam, 11 years old, and Emma, 9 years old) who also attend St. Pius School. Another daughter, Diane, lives with her family in Maplewood and has two older children who "kid-sit" for their cousins. The baby of the family, Stuart, lives with his family in Joplin.

Sue feels quite rooted here in the TGH

neighborhood. She is a floral designer at Leshler's Flowers on Hampton and has worked there for 20 years. Her husband works at the St. Louis University Physical Therapy Outpatient Department. Both their jobs are less than a 12 minute commute. Sue, Mary, their families and parents are all active in the St. Pius parish and school which is within walking distance from their homes.

Sue has been a block captain for 5 years and is a dedicated member of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association. Her hobbies include walking and gardening — she has a very colorful garden in the front yard every year! She and her family enjoy Tower Grove Park, the Missouri Botanical Garden and the restaurants on Grand as well as many of the city's other establishments. She says she has neighbors who are good friends and make her feel like she is a part of a wonderful community.

It is a great arrangement, I think, to have so many slices of your "communal pie" overlapping! In Sue's case her family, neighborhood, parish, school, and social communities all overlap. It saves time, money, and effort, increases productivity and leaves more time for pleasure! How did so many of us Americans get away from this lifestyle?!



Tower Grove Park News

By John Karel
Director, Tower Grove Park

Spring is always an exciting time here at the Park. The flowering trees are especially attractive this year, and we can already tell that our



facilities will be as busy as ever this season. Good music has always been part of the Tower Grove Park tradition and our winter season of Tuesday evening chamber music concerts by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at the Piper Palm House have been a tremendous success. We now look forward to another season starting next fall. The children's concert series at the Piper Palm House will also take place at no charge throughout the summer, starting June 21st through August 2nd on Thursday mornings. We also look forward to our long-standing annual summer concert series at the Music Stand on Monday nights by the Compton Heights Concert Band. They will start the season on Memorial Day and then begin the Monday night series on June 25th.

Last year we began a campaign to raise \$1.7 million to restore the Plant House in Tower Grove Park. Once restored, The Plant House will serve as an administrative and reference center that will be the hub for program planning and implementation. The renovated Plant House will provide a much better environment in which staff and volunteers can work efficiently. More people will enjoy the Park and utilize the unique and historic structures. We are pleased to announce that we have reached our initial goal! We still have some needs, however and people who would like to participate in this campaign can still do so. Just call 314-762-1011.

We hope that you have the opportunity to visit the Park during this season. It is a time of renewal and of hope for the future.



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2001 Friends of Tower Grove Park and Tower Grove Park Events

- May 1** **St. Louis Symphony Chamber Concert Series - "Music inspired by William Shakespeare"**
Vernon W. and Marion K. Piper Palm House; 7:00p.m.; FREE; Seating is on a first come, first served basis.
- May 19** **Members Docent Guided Tours**
The Friends of Tower Grove Park will offer its members docent-guided tours of the Park. 10a.m.; FREE; RSVP is required: 865-2394
- May 28** **Compton Heights Concert Band Memorial Day Concert**
Music Stand; 3 PM; FREE
- June 9-10** **Festival of Nations or International Fair - Southeast corner of Park**
Multicultural festival featuring ethnic and dance performances, authentic food and crafts, and children's activities. Celebration starts June 9 at 11a.m. with parade of Nations through the Grand South Grand business district. June 9: 11a.m. - 7p.m.; June 10: Noon - 6p.m.; FREE; For info call: 773-9090
- June 11** **Friends of Tower Grove Park Annual Membership Meeting**
Tours of the Director's Residence will be provided; 5p.m. - 7p.m.; RSVP: 865-2394
- June 21** **Friends of Tower Grove Park Children's Concert Series - "Go for Baroque"**
Vernon W. and Marion K. Piper Palm House; 9:30 - 10:30a.m.; FREE
- June 23-24** **Pride St. Louis Festival - East End of Park**
Parade, crafts, merchandising, concessions, and live entertainment; 10a.m. - 7p.m.
- June 25-29** **Girl Scouts Day Camp - West End of Park**
For info call: Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis 890-9569
- June 25** **Compton Heights Concert Band Series - "Butch Wax & the Hollywoods Return!"**
Music Stand; 7:30p.m.; FREE
- June 28** **Friends of Tower Grove Park Children's Concert Series - "5 Alive!"**
Stupp Center; 9:30 - 10:30a.m.; FREE
- July 2** **Compton Heights Concert Band Series - "Cannons & Robert Ellison, Baritone"**
Music Stand; 7:30p.m.; FREE
- July 5** **Friends of Tower Grove Park Children's Concert Series - "Here Comes the Brass"**
Vernon W. and Marion K. Piper Palm House; 9:30 - 10:30a.m.; FREE
- July 9** **Compton Heights Concert Band Series - "Guest Artist: Sukay, Music of the Andes"**
Music Stand; 7:30p.m.; FREE
- July 12** **Friends of Tower Grove Park Children's Concert Series - "The Bremen Town Musicians"**
Vernon W. and Marion K. Piper Palm House; 9:30 - 10:30a.m.; FREE
- July 16** **Compton Heights Concert Band Series - "Guest Artist: James Christensen, Walt Disney Night!"**
Music Stand; 7:30p.m.; FREE
- July 19** **Friends of Tower Grove Park Children's Concert Series - "A Perfect Fifth"**
Vernon W. and Marion K. Piper Palm House; 9:30 - 10:30a.m.; FREE
- July 23** **Compton Heights Concert Band Series - "Guest Artist: Larry Ludwig, Sitar"**
Music Stand; 7:30p.m.; FREE
- July 23** **Henry Shaw's Birthday**
- July 26** **Friends of Tower Grove Park Children's Concert Series - Silvery Strings"**
Vernon W. and Marion K. Piper Palm House; 9:30 - 10:30a.m.; FREE
- July 30** **Compton Heights Concert Band Series - "Hugh Smith, Tenor"**
Music Stand; 7:30p.m.; FREE
- August 2** **Friends of Tower Grove Park Children's Concert Series - "Percussion Discussion"**
Vernon W. and Marion K. Piper Palm House; 9:30 - 10:30a.m.; FREE
- August 18** **Starlight Run - 5k Run/Walk**
Sponsored by Forest ReLEAF to fund urban reforestation; Start time: 8:30p.m. at the Pool Pavilion
- September 29** **Gash/Voigt Dance Theatre**
Pool Pavilion, Center Cross Drive, Tower Grove Park
Outdoor performances to include poetry, music, dance, and writing workshops
FREE; For info call: 721-0052
- October 12** **Columbus Day Celebration**
Commemorate the anniversary of Columbus' voyage to America; 10a.m.
Wreath laying at the Columbus statue in Tower Grove Park. Sponsored by the Italian Club of St. Louis.

Safety Tips From Your Block Captains

Burglaries can be prevented. Stopping one burglar can dramatically reduce the number of victims of crime. More burglaries occur during the day while you are at school or work. Following are some preventative measures you can practice to make the neighborhood safer for all residents:

Make sure your home is secure. You know the weak areas – Tighten them up now! If you would like inexpensive help from Operation SafeStreet, call 622-3444.

Know your neighbors. Go meet the people who live behind and along side you. Exchange names, addresses and telephone numbers. Ask your neighbors to please call 911 if they see anyone or anything on your property that “just doesn’t look right.” Let them know you will do the same for them – and do it.

Encourage exterior lighting. Increasing lighting on and around buildings not only makes the neighborhood more pleasant and safe – it also helps us to observe and be able to accurately describe a suspicious person to the police.

Pay attention to noises. A loud thumping sound could be your neighbor’s door being kicked in. Barking dogs are an alert that something is happening. Check it out. If in doubt, call 911. Many people in the neighborhood have burglar alarms. If you hear one sounding, call 911 and then watch.

Leave a number. When you call the police, consider leaving your telephone number with the dispatcher. You can tell the dispatcher you do not want the officers to come to your home. Patrol cars are now equipped with telephones, so the responding officers can call you for more information. For instance, you may be able to tell them where a weapon or drugs were quickly hidden or which direction people ran. You can even give them a description without having a face-to-face conversation.

Be sure your address is clearly visible at both the front and rear of your building. In the event of an emergency, responders (police, fire, ambulance) need to be able to find you quickly.

You are not alone. Together we can make a dramatic difference in neighborhood safety. Share ideas with your neighbors, your block captain and at neighborhood meetings.

Important Phone Numbers for Tower Grove Heights Residents

Police and Emergencies

911 for all Emergencies
Police Non-Emergency 231-1212
Police Hotline (Anonymous and non-traceable) 241-COPS
Police Area One Main Exchange (1st, 2nd, 3rd Dist.) 444-0100
Poison Control Center 772-5200
Problems with Juveniles 444-5327
Open Fire Hydrant 771-4480

Important Services

Aid for Victims of Crime, Inc. 652-9630
Call-A-Ride 652-2600
Chile Abuse Hotline 800-392-3738
Women’s Abuse Shelter 533-1313
Elder Abuse Hotline 800-392-0210
St. Louis Area Agency on Aging 612-5900
Transportation (Seniors/Handicapped) A.C.T. 383-4600
Meals on Wheels 268-1523
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri 534-4200
Operation Brightside 781-4556
Operation Safestreet 622-3444
International Institute 773-9090

City Services

City Hall Information 622-4000
Board of Alderman Main Exchange 622-3287
Citizen’s Service Bureau 622-4800
Graffiti Removal (give address and get order #) 622-4800
Street Lights Out (give address and pole #) 622-4800
Alley Lights (give address and pole #) 342-1000
Neighborhood Stabilization Team Main Exchange 622-4628
Neighborhood Stabilization Officer James Rollins 772-3487
Animal Regulation 353-5838

Elected Officials

Alderman Jennifer Florida ofc.:662-3763 home:776-2890
State Representative, District 67, Currently Vacant
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(switchboard)
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(switchboard)
President, George W. Bush, 202-456-1111

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

By Patty Schneider

As the Cardinals' season gets into full swing, SportService begins to train the fund-raiser groups to run the concession stands. Last year, several of your neighbors in the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood answered that call and assisted with the concession stand fund-raiser. This was the most successful fund-raiser last year, and the association has signed up to participate again this year. The neighborhood association receives 9% of the total stand profit for night games and 12% for weekend day games. The benefit of this type of fund-raiser is that nothing but time is needed.

Volunteering at the concession stand is a good way to meet your neighbors while helping the association raise money for the events, Gazette and other activities. In order to make this more successful this year, at least 10-12 volunteers per date are needed. The more, the merrier, the quicker people get their food, the more food we sale, the more money we make.

The time commitment is minimal. For each game, 1/2 of the group needs be at the stadium 3 hours before game time and the remaining 1/2 of the group 2 hours before game time. This is to prepare the stand and food.

Volunteers need to be at least 21 years old or older. SportService requires that volunteers attend a 3-hour training session. The training session covers alcohol handling, use of the cash registers, and how to make the food. If you volunteered last year and attended the training session you need not attend this year.

The dates for this year's games are:

June 22, 2001 (Friday)

July 13, 2001 (Friday)

July 25, 2001 (Wed. day game)

September 28, 2001 (Friday)

The Training Sessions are offered 2-3 times a month starting on March 22, 2001. If you are interested in volunteering for the concession stand fund-raiser; please contact Patty Schneider at 762-9919 for more information.

Tower Grove Heights Apartment Referral Service

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association offers a free referral service to landlords in the neighborhood and prospective tenants. This successful service has been matching tenants with landlords for several years. To participate, landlords need to call 772-5982 to register their apartments. Jean Iezzi, the referral service coordinator, will ask several questions about the rental unit which will include name, phone, unit address, rent, deposits, size, air conditioning, garage, other amenities, etc. Upon completion of the questionnaire, Jean places the information on the list of available apartments in the neighborhood. When prospective tenants inquire about a place to live in Tower Grove Heights, the referral service tries to match the tenant to an apartment. If a match can be made, the landlord's phone number is given to the tenant and it's up to the tenant and landlord to connect. Jean Iezzi suggests that all landlords use an application to screen prospective tenants, and tenants should ask important questions of their future landlords.

Presently, there are not enough apartments in the referral system for the amount of tenants seeking apartments. If any landlords would like to participate in this free service, call 772-5982 to register.

Focus 16, St. Louis City Public Affairs Television

Live taping of the Montage show is on Tuesdays at 7:30p.m. The show's producers request up to 15 Tower Grove Heights residents to attend a taping as an audience member. Montage includes segments such as trivia (where someone from the audience wins prizes), special interviews with surprise guests, featured neighborhood highlights and more. Organize a group of neighbors and call Tina Elliot or Andre Holman at 533-5802.

Alderwoman Update

By Alderwoman Jennifer A. Florida

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you. I am looking forward to serving everyone and working with all of our neighborhoods. I am creating a "kitchen cabinet" made up of all the different neighborhood association presidents, vice presidents and presidents-elect to begin a community-based planning process. I value community input and it is my hope that this process will direct us toward addressing your neighborhood capital improvement needs.

If you are interested in the 50/50 sidewalk program or have a specific request, leave your name, address, phone number and your request on my voice mail at the Board of Aldermen at 662-3763, or my home voice mail at 776-2890.

We have a new Neighborhood Stabilization Officer, James Rollins. His number is 772-3487. He is very much interested in working with us to identify and create a strategy to tackle our problem properties. I look forward to working with James and I welcome him to the 15th Ward.

I appreciate all of Barb Potts' hard work. I have always admired her endless energy. I wish her well in her new assignment.

Thank you for this great opportunity!

Know Your Ordinances

Dogs/Cats

10.04.060 Dog owners must obtain tags which represent both a vaccination certificate and city license for any dog four months or older. Tags are required for all dogs kept in the city, even those owned by non-city residents.

59267 Dog owners must remove any feces left by dogs on public or private property, so long as defecation occurs in the presence of the owner or any person in control of the dog (known as the Pooper Scooper Law).

10.04.220 Dog owners may not permit a dog to be at large on street or public place unless on a leash. Cat owners must obtain tags for both vaccination certificate and city license the same as for dogs.

Community Development Agency Announces Programs for Housing Aid

New Home-Improvement Loans for Middle-Income Families Available

Retaining a solid, middle-class base of homeowners is critical to the continued good health of the City and our inner ring of suburbs. Therefore, in partnership with St. Louis County and several area banks, the City of St. Louis has developed a new home improvement loan program for middle-income homeowners. The program takes effect soon.

By combining one percent-interest funds from the Missouri Housing Development Corporation with private dollars from a number of banks and other creative financing mechanisms, participating lenders will be able to make loans up to \$25,000 at rates that are several points below the market. The income limit for this program is 150 percent of the Adjusted Median Income (AMI) set by the federal government. For a family of four, the income limit would be \$84,750.

This new program will enable middle-income homeowners to take advantage of low-interest loans to update and improve their homes, and by doing so, ensure the health of our neighborhoods. These loans will make it easier for rehabbers to restore old City homes to their former glory.

Homeowners interested in applying for the program should call the City's Community Development Administration (CDA) at 259-3430.

Expedited Home Repair Program Announced

CDA has also introduced an expedited home repair program for low-income citizens. This program utilizes federal dollars to address the problem of a lack of contractors who are willing to work on small jobs by grouping together houses by neighborhoods. It also relieves homeowners, many elderly, of the need to find companies that will give them competitive bids because CDA will request the bids and screen contractors. For more information, contact CDA at 259-3430.

CDA Offers a Variety of Programs and Services

In addition to the above mentioned programs, CDA also offers a variety of programs and services to assist individuals and families in purchasing homes in the City of St. Louis. Programs apply to first-time homebuyers, low- and moderate-income buyers and buyers who want to purchase and rehabilitate a home. Homebuyer assistance is available citywide and applies to single-family and multi-unit buildings. Funding is available through the CDA/Fannie Mae Homebuyer's Assistance Program, the MHDC Next Step Down Payment Assistance Program and several other homebuyer assistance programs.

For more information on these programs, call CDA at 259-3430. Leave your name, address, telephone number and name of program in which you are interested. Callers will receive information by mail.

Summer Camps

Camp Tech at St. Pius V

St. Pius V Parish School will be offering a four week Computer Camp, "Camp Tech," beginning June 18th and running through July 13th. Microsoft Applications and appropriate Internet Navigation are hands on topics that will be covered. The first session for students going into grades 3rd through 5th will be from 9-10:15a.m. The second session will be for students going into 6th through 9th and will be held from 10:45a.m.-12:00p.m. There will be a nominal fee of \$10.00 to cover a camp T-Shirt, computer room expenses and snacks. Camp Tech has been made possible through the generosity of the Incarnate Word Foundation and the Urban Alliance Achievement Foundation. This camp is open to all students in the neighborhood – you do not need to be Catholic or currently attending St. Pius V School. For more information about attending Camp Tech, please contact Kas Bufford at 772-1525 ext. 317.

Free City Summer Day Camps

If you have children ages 4 to 12, registration is now open for free summer camps starting June 25th, at a variety of parks and recreation centers throughout the City of St. Louis, courtesy of the Recreation Division.

Did I mention these summer camps are free? Also, they were among the programs being considered earlier this month for cuts in next year's city budget, but were thankfully spared. So get out there and support these programs! They provide free fun and exercise for our city's children, as well as a free lunch program.

Also, if you're a college student, school teacher, etc. in need of a summer job, these camps are a fun opportunity.

For information on summer day camp registration go to: stlc.in.missouri.org/release/getpressdetails.cfm?Auto=301 or stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/recreation_div/camps.html

To apply to be a Recreation Assistant for the summer day camp program, go to: stlc.in.missouri.org/citypers/jobdetail.cfm?PosID=64

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Two New On Grand

By Don Hardin

Can't find the right gift for that impossible person to buy for? Then you haven't been to **Grand Things and Unique Gifts**.



One of the beautiful items available at Grand Things.

This place is "Grand" and "Unique." Just a few of the many choices are: sculptures, pottery, flying pigs (recycled art), jewelry, t-shirts, note cards, candles, framed prints, painted furniture, and a world of "one of a kind" things. Many of the pieces are on



A small sampling of the unique gifts available at Grand Things.

consignment from local artists. The owner, Ric White, is a Tower Grove Heights Resident, and this is his first venture into gathering together a world of eclectic offerings. Grand Things (www.grandthings.com) is located 3206 S. Grand (formerly Whiz

Bam) and is open Tuesday through Friday 11-7; Saturday 11-6; Sunday 12-5; closed Monday. Don't miss this one!

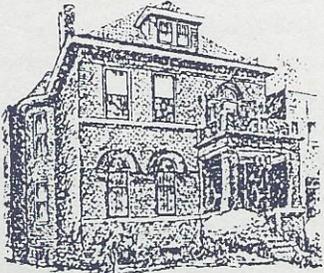
Shelton's, a long time fixture on Grand South Grand is now **Verve**. After successfully owning and operating Shelton Davis for eleven years, Dan decided to pass it on to Jeff and Julie Lopinot—two long time employees. Verve's agenda is, "Continuing our reputation for excellence and moving forward."

Michele, Dan, Jeff and Julie continue to offer the three "C's"—cut, color, and consultation, and also provide perms and texture services. But now, M., D., and J. and J., are joined by Tim, the newest member of the team. Check out the constantly

changing artwork at Verve. Much of it has been created by local artists who have openings at Verve (another tradition continued). As always, top of the line hair care products are offered for sale. As Jeff said, "If we don't have it, we will get it for you." Verve (web site coming soon), 771-4700, is located at 3208 S. Grand and is open Monday through Thursday 10-9; Friday 10-6; Saturday 9-5; closed Sunday.



Jeff and Michelle of Verve.



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Report From The Capitol

By State Senator Patrick Dougherty

As the new Senator for the 4th District, I would like to give you a brief update on some legislation currently before the General Assembly.

I now serve on the following Senate committees: Aging, Families and Mental Health; Commerce and Environment; Interstate Cooperation; Labor and Industrial Relations; and Pensions and General Laws.

The Missouri Senate Insurance and Housing Committee gave unanimous approval to legislation I sponsored that would call for annual testing for lead poisoning for children under the age of 2.

Under Senate Bill 572, all children should be tested twice by the time they reach age 2, with additional tests for children under age 6 who live in high-risk areas.

Childcare centers would be required to give parents information developed by the Missouri Department of Health about lead testing programs. But if children were not tested, they would not be barred from schools and care centers.

SB572 would create a Childhood Lead Fund to pay for testing for uninsured children. It would cost the state at least \$1.2 million yearly to pay for about 24,000 Missouri children who are uninsured.

The abundance of old housing stock in every Missouri County poses the greatest risk to children. Children could be exposed to lead through the air, soil, parents who work with lead, and in a variety of household products such as scented candles and mini-blinds.

This has become a crisis situation for our state. In Missouri, the average incidence rate for children under the age of 6 is 11 percent.

That is three times the national average.

Of the 115 counties in Missouri, currently only six screened more than 25 percent of their children for lead poisoning, while the vast majority of counties screened less than 10 percent of their children for lead poisoning.

Lead poisoning can cause so many health problems, including learning disabilities and behavior problems, and at high doses, seizures and even death. We can avoid that through testing.

If the legislation were approved by the General Assembly, Missouri would join at least eight states, including Illinois, that have various lead testing requirements.

The Senate also advanced legislation sponsored by myself and Senator Betty Sims, R-St. Louis County, which would extend insurance coverage for certain prostate, cervical and breast cancer screenings. We know that screening is the key to early detection of cancer. Early detection improves the chances of beating cancer.

The Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee combined Senate Bill 588 with Senate Bill 448. On April 24, 2001 the Senate perfected the language on the combined bills and placed it on the Calendar for Third Reading.

I truly believe this is one of the most important pieces of legislation being considered by the General Assembly. What could be more important than the health of the people of Missouri? This bill would extend Medicaid or insurance coverage for breast, cervical and prostate cancer.

Under this bill, additional insurance coverage for prostate cancer screening would be required.

The coverage would include prostate antibody imaging, which would be used for a non-symptomatic man who has had an earlier diagnosis or reoccurrence, or could be used as a guide for appropriate therapy for patients with a rising prostate specific antigen.

Cancer of the prostate is the most common male cancer, and affects approximately one in every 13 men. In contrast to some other types of cancer, prostate cancer can be treated as effectively even when it has spread. It is, however, important to catch the disease at the earliest possible state.

This bill would also provide for Medicaid coverage for certain breast and cervical cancer patients if the person:

- Is under 65
- Has been screened for breast or cervical cancer under the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Cervical Early Detection Program
- Needs treatment for breast or cervical cancer
- Is uninsured

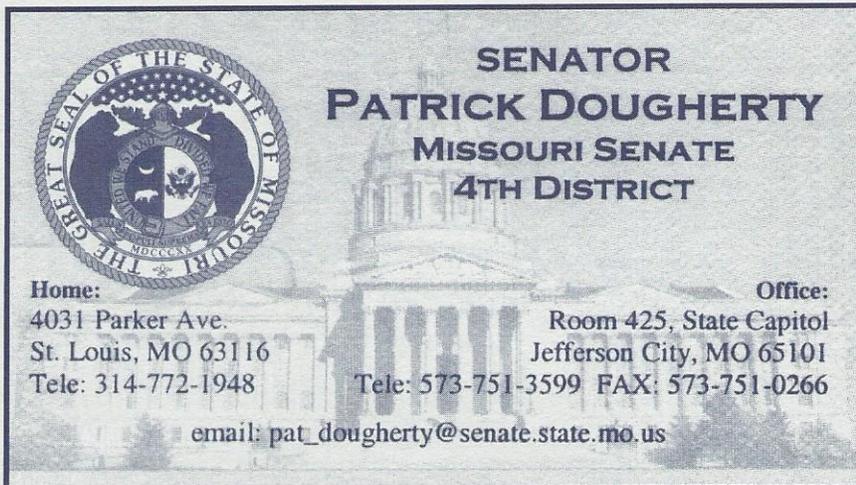
This bill goes a long way in guaranteeing that the men and women of Missouri have the health care coverage they need. Every Missourian, every American, has the right to receive good health care.

I have been a strong supporter of cancer issues. In 1999, Missouri was the first in the nation to pass my legislation to provide insurance coverage for uterine, colon and prostate cancer using the American Cancer Society Guidelines.

The bill also establishes "Missouri Centers of Excellence in Women's Health" to devise new standards of excellence in women's health, and assist in the development of multidisciplinary, integrated collaborations to provide women with convenient, comprehensive health care, expand basic and clinical research on women's health and promote education of health care providers and the community regarding the unique needs and aspects of women's health.

If you would like to view these and other bills, we have an excellent state web site at www.state.mo.us.

Please feel free to contact me at pat_dougherty@senate.state.mo.us or at 1-800-347-1279.



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Tower Grove Heights Historic District Designation on its Way

By Lynn Josse

After more than two years of effort, the nomination to place Tower Grove Heights on the National Register of Historic Places is finally complete! Prepared by Landmarks Association of St. Louis (with significant help from many neighbors including Mark Abbott and Marti Frumhoff), the nomination will be reviewed by the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on May 18. Once they approve the nomination, it will be forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places (a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior) for final review and listing. The neighborhood should be officially listed sometime this fall.

The National Register is the country's official list of buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts that are considered significant in America's heritage. The Tower Grove Heights Historic District is an important example of turn-of-the-century development and architecture. Over 200 different builders worked in the Heights, but the established restrictions resulted in an architectural consistency which is quite unusual. The district is also remarkably intact. Other than garages, only a handful of buildings are considered "noncontributing" (built after the period of significance or altered beyond recognition). There are also very few holes due to demolition.

Listing on the National Register does not impose any restrictions on what you do with your property, although it will be considered in any application for a demolition permit. Listing does make all contributing buildings eligible to use the State of Missouri's 25% rehabilitation tax credit. For qualified work which meets a minimum investment of half the basis of the property, the state will return one quarter of the costs in the form of an income tax credit. The credit can be carried forward and back or sold to another taxpayer. For more information about Missouri's rehabilitation tax credit program, please contact the city's Cultural Resources Office at 622-3400.

Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association to Host First Annual Garden Tour

On Sunday, June 10, 2001 from 11a.m. – 5p.m., the Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association's Beautification Committee will host its first annual garden tour, "City Roots: The Gardens of Tower Grove East." The Tower Grove East neighborhood, located just east of historic Tower Grove Park, is a wonderful neighborhood over 100 years old. Surrounding some of the century old homes are beautiful private gardens. Come visit "Our Hometown in the Heart of the City" and enjoy the "City Roots" of our neighborhood.

This self-guided tour will feature 10 private gardens, including two school gardens. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the starting point of the tour: the Tower Grove East Community Garden, at the corner of Sidney and Virginia. The Tower

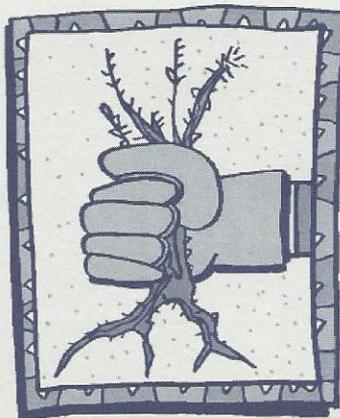
Grove East Community Garden is a collaborative effort of many residents. It is not only a beautiful spot in the neighborhood, but also

functions as a neighborhood gathering space and supplies an abundance of vegetables and herbs to neighborhood gardeners.

Directions: From Interstate 64/40 or 44, exit at Grand Blvd. Go south on Grand, and make a left on Sidney (just before St. Louis Supermarket and Tower Grove Park). Drive 3 blocks to Vir-

ginia, and the community garden is on the northwest corner of Sidney and Virginia.

For more information on the Tower Grove East neighborhood and the Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association, see their website: www.towergroveeast.org.



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News from SLACO - St. Louis Association of Community Organizations

By Joe Ogier

- SLACO will present its annual gospel concert on June 24 at 4pm. The concert will be held at Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the SLACO office, 533-9104. This event has traditionally been a sell out, so come early to get a good seat!
- SLACO is part of a joint venture developing the St. Vincent Homes in the Gate District. (St. Vincent Homes are located between Grand and Jefferson, just north of Lafayette and Nebraska). If you haven't been in the area in a while, it is worth a look. Forty-four homes have been sold so far. The average sale price is \$208,000. The first 16 owners have closed and moved in. Twelve additional homes are currently under construction.
- The students of Washington University and Thirteen Carnival raised funds to support the Make A Difference Center, operated by SLACO. The Make A Difference Center provides an after-school program for children from low-income families. Although Washington University won't have final figures until the end of the summer, it is expected that at least \$5,000 was raised for the Center.
- The 2000 Annual SLACO Neighborhoods Conference was held on April 29 at Forest Park Community College. Almost 500 people were in attendance. Our own Tower Grove Heights President Mike Renner participated in a seminar on fund-raising for organizations. The keynote speaker, Dr. Ben Carson, a world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins and co-founder of the Carson Scholar Fund, delivered the keynote address. Neighborhood residents and activists from all over the St. Louis region were inspired by Dr. Carson's address. He challenged St. Louisans to take responsibility for the development and nurturing of the youth in our community, to build communities that are sensitive to and respectful of diversity and to pursue lifelong education.
- The Conference concluded with the 2001 Town Hall Forum, a panel discussion on Missouri's urban agenda. Moderated by Gregory Freeman of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, participants included State Senator Pat Dougherty, State Treasurer Nancy Farmer and the retired director of MHDC Dick Grose.

Good Neighbor Awards

Congratulations to the winners of the 2001 Good Neighbor Awards from the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association! All award recipients were nominated by Tower Grove Heights residents who wished to recognize the positive impact their neighbors have had on the neighborhood. Certificates were handed out at the April meeting. Be sure to look for a chance to nominate your neighbors for the 2002 awards! This year's recipients are:

Marian Hammond
Robert Jones
Jill Nissen
Cary Leimbach
Jennifer Florida
Dan & Jenny Friehs
Norm Henenberg &
Mary Jane Cannon
Jean Iezzi
Patty Schneider
Pam Hardy
Kim Cole
Suzanne Rhodenbaugh
Susie Gudermuth &
Tim Hays
Cheryl L.S. Jones

Many thanks to the Block Captains, ball game workers, community leaders, and all other volunteers who have worked so hard to make the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood a great place to live!

2001 Grand South Grand House Tour Wrap-Up

A special thank-you to the three Heights households who allowed their houses to be placed on the 2001 Grand South Grand House Tour: Kim Cole; Jan Nesser and Ben Chu; and Tim and Debbie Akin. Due to the efforts of these residents and many other volunteers, the 2001 Tour was a grand success, raising over \$3,400 for this year's charity, the All-Shaw Community Choir. For information on the Choir, visit their website at: <http://communities.postnet.com/st.louis.shawchoir>.

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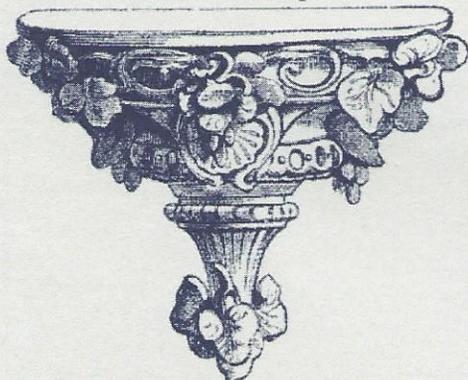
Celebrate urban cultural diversity at Festival of Nations, a free, family-oriented festival, which includes the Parade of Nations! The Parade of Nations will be held Saturday, June 9th, at 11a.m. and travel through the Grand South Grand Business District to Tower Grove Park. The Parade will have world music, ethnic dress and new and old ethnic communities. Festival activities will be in Tower Grove Park at Grand and Arsenal. Food and gifts from around the world, ethnic craft demonstrations, music and dance performances and children's activities and storytelling. For more information, check out the International Institute's website at www.intlinst.org.

Volunteer Information.

Volunteers are an important part of the success of Festival of Nations. Anticipating an attendance of more than 10,000 this year, Festival of Nations need 175 volunteers to help ensure the event's success. On Festival of Nations weekend, volunteers from around the world will help prepare food, sell drinks, distribute programs, help with children's activities and much more!

Each person who volunteers on-site during Festival of Nations weekend will receive a complimentary Festival of Nations T-Shirt at the start of his or her work shift! Plan to wear it at your work station!

So Join Us! You'll have the satisfaction of helping area ethnic groups and non-profits bring St. Louisans a whopping big show ... great education ... and really good fun! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Christina at the International Institute at (314) 773-9090, ext 121, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



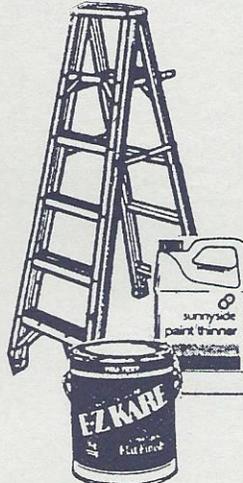
Our Neighbors

By Don Hardin

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Upcoming meetings: Tuesday, June 26, and Tuesday, July 24.

Both meetings will be at 7:15p.m. at the First Church of Divine Science at 3617 Wyoming. Everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you to our recent guests. All 8 candidates for the St. Louis School Board attended a forum at our March meeting. Eddie Roth, President of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners spoke at our April meeting about his role on the Police Board, the state of the St. Louis Police Department, and challenges facing a police force in the 21st century. Principals of Mann Elementary (Sally Bloom) and Roosevelt High School (Stephen Warmack) spoke at our May meeting about trends in education, issues they face, the role of the schools in the community, and specific ways neighborhood residents can get involved and make a difference. In addition, highlights also included updates on the application for Tower Grove Heights to the National Register of Historic places, awarding of the Good Neighbor Awards, meeting our new NSO (James Rollins), updates from SLACO and Alderwoman Florida, and a whole lot more. We hope to see you at the next meeting!

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