

Heights Residents Make a Clean Sweep of the 'Hood

By Sara Langan

Thanks to the City of St. Louis and Operation Brightside each spring we have the opportunity to clean our alleys and basements and see instantaneous results as the trash trucks rumble down our alleys to collect cast-aways. April 13 was OUR day to make a difference this year.

The weather was beautiful as numerous Tower Grove Heights neighbors gathered together in a concerted effort to tackle our neighborhood alleys. The Saint Louis Bread Co. graciously donated coupons which we used to buy danishes, muffins, bagels and cream cheese to feed our volunteers.

Joe Thele, our Neighborhood Stabilization Officer, identified where our efforts would make the most impact. The neighborhood group started with 3600 Wyoming/Humphrey, 3600 Connecticut/Juniata and then went to 3800 Connecticut/Juniata. There was also a large contingency of workers in the 3800 Wyoming/



TGH volunteers "blitz" the food table!

Humphrey alley and many others who were out cleaning additional alleys.

One of the highlights for me was as we were cleaning in the 3800 Block of Connecticut and Juniata, residents came out and worked with us. One resident said that she had inherited a huge pile of leaves when she had moved into her house and had not had the time or energy to tackle it. We were able to clean it all up by noon. Later that day, Brian Marston and Amanda Doyle returned my shovel and said they had devoted the rest of the day to Blitzing!

Erin O'Reilly summited a group photo to Home Depot who in partnership with Operation Brightside gave coupons for \$50 in store merchandise to groups of 15 or more who gathered to clean. Erin used the money to beautify the neighborhood by buying a large planter and potting soil and is looking for a corner neighborhood resident to care for it.

Thank you Saint Louis Bread Co., Operation Brightside, Home Depot and the dedicated neighbors in Tower Grove Heights! With your help we are making St. Louis a cleaner, more beautiful place to live.



Blitzers armed and ready for battle!

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Tower Grove Park Wading Pool Hours

The wading pool's season will run concurrent with the Saint Louis City public pool schedule. August 25, 2002, will be our closing date. The South City Family YMCA will be providing the lifeguards.

The wading pool will be open Tuesdays through Sundays from 11 AM. - 4 PM. New this year will be extended Wednesday hours, when the wading pool will remain open until 7 PM. "We are pleased to be able to offer extended hours on Wednesday evenings, giving families a chance to come into the park and enjoy the wading pool together after work," said Phil Lanio, Tower Grove Park's Recreation Coordinator. Tower Grove Park looks forward to another season filled with fun for all ages. Call Matt Clark @ 644-3100 for information

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July 18

Samba Bom Trio: Sounds of Brazil
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July 25

Blake Travis: Stories from the World Village

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August 1

Tim Albert & Danny Jackson: Blues to Bluegrass
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will have you dancing in the park! Selected audience members will be chosen to come up on stage to use their imaginations and help create a traditional twelve bar blues-style song!

Carpenter Library Schedule

JULY

FOR KIDS

16 - Make It: Ocean in a Jar. If you like snow globes, you'll love ocean globes. 3:30-4:30 p.m.

18 - Storytime Adventures With Toddlers. Ages 18 mos.-3 yrs. 9:30-10 a.m.

18 - Storytime & Craft Adventures With Preschoolers. Ages 3-5. 10:15-11 a.m.

25 - Create It: Shell Jewelry. Make bracelets & necklaces. Ages 12-17. 4-5 p.m.

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A Note from Alderwoman Jennifer Florida

There's a lot going on...

The Crime & Safety Task Force met for the first time, thanks to Sargeant Heimberger,

SLPD. He conducted a three hour training session on SARA: problem solving oriented policing. We will meet again in the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to those of you who graduated from the EPA/ Listening Tour 13-week training course! I look forward to the next phase of the Tour. We are interested in your targeted area of Tower Grove South and coming up with solutions for some of our alleys that are in poor condition.

Thank you 3900 block of Miami. I enjoyed your block party! We are really excited about your recent participation in Grand Oak Hill Neighborhood Association. In the last month or so, their Block has organized as a unit. They showed up in full force at the last neighborhood association meeting. They also assigned a block captain and organized a Block Party! They are on a roll!

Development:

Grand & Gravois Coalition

Anyone interested in joining the Grand & Gravois Coalition for the purpose of facilitating development of that area, i.e., South Side National Bank, Melba Theatre, Sears Site, please call me at 622-3763.

Gravois Plaza

Demolition & construction of Gravois Plaza is still in progress. The existing tenants will soon be moving into their new stores. Shop-n Save is scheduled to open some time in September.

Gravois Plaza site plans are available for your review at the Carpenter Branch Library.



South Side National Bank Building at Grand & Gravois

Steve Trampe plans a \$5 million apartment redevelopment of the tower and the 1980's addition. He intends to start redevelopment next summer contingent on financing. Allegiant plans to continue operations in the historic bank building in the old teller space. They still plan to build a drive-thru bank.

Walgreen's

... is building a new store located at Gravois & Grace. They have agreed to build the store right on the street with parking on the sides of the new building. They hope to have their new facility constructed by March 2003. Walgreen's will temporarily operate out of a trailer on S. Grand, south of KFC.

For those of you who are new to the ward or have not heard, Grand Oak Hill Community Corporation is our full service housing corporation that administers the 15th Targeted Assistance Home Repair Program & Grand

Oak Hill Management Assistance Program (management, tenant screening and placement). This service is free and will be used as a tool in dealing with nuisance properties, 865-5530.

Just a reminder: We NEED Block Captains for ALL of our 15th Ward Blocks! The Block Captains meet at Grand Oak Hill at Juniata and Bent, the last Monday of the month at 7:00PM.

If you have a problem/nuisance property, please contact me. I need calls for service (911) associated with the nuisance property. I will refer the property to the city wide nuisance committee. If you need a city service, you may call Citizen's Service Bureau 622-4800. If you feel it requires my attention-please call me. Leave your name, address & phone number and request on my voice mail at the Board of Aldermen at 622-3763.

Jennifer



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Report from the Capitol

Measures Protecting Seniors, Children Win

By Sen. Pat Dougherty

Jefferson City – “The Legislature advanced a host of constructive measures this year,” Senator Dougherty said. “of particular interest were those bills effecting children and the elderly.”

Dougherty sponsored a key measure affording prosecutors more power in pursuing and sentencing those who lure, or entice minors via the Internet for sexual purposes.

Senate Bill 969 also upgrades the classification of attempted forcible rape and attempted forcible sodomy to “dangerous” felonies and requires registered sex offenders to register with county officials after moving to another county.

“After police caught up with someone suspected of using the Internet to lure a child, prosecutors couldn’t effectively charge the suspect because the right laws weren’t on Missouri’s books,” Dougherty, who drafted provisions in the act, said. “Passage of this bill makes clear that Missouri lawmakers are of one mind on child enticement—it’s wrong, it must be stopped and it will be stopped.”

Dougherty also sponsored and advanced a bill expanding Missouri’s Utilicare program, which provides financial assistance for the heating and cooling of elderly, disabled and qualifying households. Among many broadened provisions, Dougherty’s bill sets eligibility based on a household income of less than or equal to 150 percent, rather than 110 percent, of the current federal poverty level, and ups the maximum payment from \$150 to \$600 to each eligible house-

hold from the Utilicare fund for heating and cooling.

“The act also requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to coordinate all federal programs into the Utilicare program,” Dougherty said. “Each year, utility bills climb while many Missourians - especially seniors - are locked into fixed incomes. Expanding the Utilicare program will be of great help to those struggling just to keep the lights on.”

Dougherty also helped advance sweeping Senate legislation extending a program offering health insurance coverage to uninsured children meeting eligibility requirements. The bill extends the State Children’s Health Insurance Program to July 1, 2007. The measure also incorporates foster care facilities into certain statutes regarding licensure requirements, and provides a new section outlining foster parent rights and responsibilities, including training, confidentiality of information and daily decisions for the child.

“The bill also adds protection for newborns by creating the ‘Safe Place for Newborns Act,’” Dougherty said.

The act protects parents from liability for abandoning a newborn child if the child is left in the custody


of qualified hospital staff and has not been physically abused.

“The thinking is this,” Dougherty said of the provision’s intent. “Remove the fear of prosecution, and a mother unprepared or unwilling to handle parenthood may avert making a terrible decision, such as abandoning their child in a trash bin.”

Senate Bill 923 also incorporates the intent of legislation introduced earlier in the session by Dougherty. One provision comprehensively details the rights and responsibilities of foster parents. Another provision prohibits denying residential treatment services to children with mental disorders or addiction.

“Why certain children have been treated as anything less than whole people with regard to residential treatment is beyond me,” Dougherty said. “Now the practice is beyond what the law allows.”

A measure allowing physicians to refer patients who have been newly diagnosed with cancer to a specialist for a second opinion regarding treatment also heads up Dougherty’s list of key bills of the 2002 session. The patients’ right act requires insurance companies to cover the second opinion rendered by the specialist.



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The South City Open Studio and Gallery

Summer 2002

(Information from Studio's website)

There's something new to do in South City...

It is the Mission of The South City Open Studio and Gallery for Children to provide a safe and educational environment for children to explore the Arts and also to strengthen the ties within the St. Louis neighborhood, it's families, and it's youth.

We plan to operate in many ways. Here are a few...

Classes, Open Studio, and Visiting Artists

Amber's Drawing in Space Classes

In this class, students will cross the bridge from drawing to sculpture. Beginning with simple sketchbook construction, ideas will spring from two dimensions into three. Sculptural casting and multimedia fabrication will be the focus of this class. Be prepared to get your hands dirty, for we'll be making a mess!

Carmelita's Clay Classes

Students will acquire clay "chops" as they thoroughly explore the ceramic medium. Focus will be upon the mastery of basic hand building techniques to arrive at individualized pieces of functional and sculptural ceramic work.

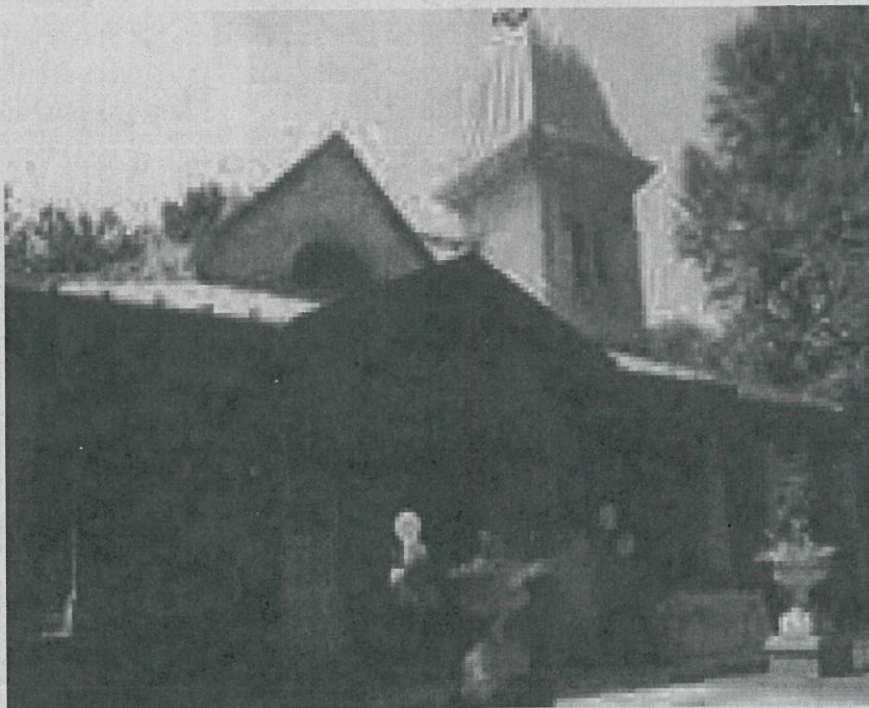
Erin's Print-o-Rama Classes

Print-o-Rama invites and encourages students to learn a variety of print and print assisted imagery techniques such as linoleum block

print, mono print, collage, Xerox transfer and more. The focus will be both on traditional printmaking as well as experimental process oriented techniques. Our goal is fun and a sense of humor is encouraged.

Jason's Brain Painting Classes

Pull images and ideas from the park, South City, your own head. Break 'em down and mix 'em up in solo works as well as a large-scale collaborative painting to be exhibited in Tower Grove Park during SCOSAG's Fall Festival.



Michael's Clay Classes

Throughout these lengthier sessions, students will have time to develop strong clay skills, resulting in finished functional and non-functional artwork. Students will be encouraged to visualize their ideas by maintaining a sketchbook and participating in drawing activities.

Jenna's Dare to Draw Classes

A course in the principles of drawing offered in an up-beat, individualized approach. We will work from life, connecting these images to the ones from our minds, creating a blend of realism and abstraction.

Nannette's Photo Blue Print Classes

Using photosensitive materials and other more traditional materials, student will create large scale "self portrait maps" using various collage, photogram, and multimedia techniques.

Open Studio

Youth ages 8 to 15 are invited to visit the Open Studio to explore their abilities in drawing, printmaking,

painting, clay/ceramics, book-making, and collage. The Open Studio instructor will be available to accommodate students' needs, to give suggestions and to better familiarize the student with the art material. The Instructor will be present; however, students are encouraged to explore the art materials on their own, at their own pace.

Open Studio

Hours

M-Fri 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Please call ahead to reserve space. Parents must initially accompany their children to and from the South Gate Lodge.

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More Activities

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17 (bands TBA)

Mon. July 22: Compton Heights

Concert Band Series

Mon. July 29: Compton Heights

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Mon. August 5: Compton Heights

Concert Band Series

Sat. August 17: Starlight Runabout. A

whimsical evening run/walk bringing the

community together in support of Tower

Grove Park's tree planting efforts. Start

time: 8.30 p.m. at the Pool Pavilion.

On Parenting

By Kathryn Zellich

Executive Director, Cornerstone Center for Early Learning

Not long ago, I received a brief note from one of my daughter's far-flung college friends. Despite the brevity of his message, it was dense with information. He wanted me to know that he'd moved, married a sublimely rational woman, and that they are planning to start a family. His proud report about the shape of their lives caught my attention. As a seasoned early childhood educator, I suspect that his tidy world will soon unravel. There's nothing rational about the decision to reproduce, except in the most distant, Darwinian sense. We don't decide to commit decades of our lives and the bulk of resources to raising children out of reason, but because of emotion and a biological imperative. And we don't persevere out of common sense, but from the pure, primal passion that flares up when we first gaze on these tiny new creatures.

First-time parents often believe that the process of nurturing can be organized and constrained by a few simple strategies. They vow not to change the way they live. "We'll just take the baby wherever we go," they blithely reassure friends and family. And they sometimes seem to expect that their offspring can be ordered with a set of specific characteristics, like the options package on the car of their dreams.

More often than not, however, at the time of delivery, they don't find themselves accepting the perfectly machined, highly responsive vehicle they imagined. The timing is off in some subtle way, perhaps. Or the acceleration is slower than expected. Maybe the braking mechanism is faulty or the steering leaves a lot to be desired. The couple seeking a sports car finds they have an unwieldy minivan. The parents who hoped for a solid sedan struggle to keep up with a lively off-the-road vehicle. To make matters worse, while these products famously come without instruction manual, they often seem to have a built-in,

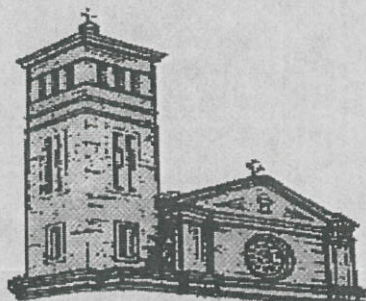
contrarian navigation system, which routinely takes them in unpredictable directions. The warranty, it turns out, does not include major overhaul. New parents find that the break-in time is longer than they expected, and they learn, gradually, how to switch gears on short notice.

Once we're out on the open road, with them, our children take us down unexpected paths and introduce us to all the irrational pleasures that make life worth living. Breaking away from our old ruts, we discover untold strengths inside ourselves, as we come to appreciate the idiosyncrasies of these new individuals. We learn what it is to set aside our own needs and desires for the welfare of others, and to make appropriate decisions even in the heat of anger.

In fact, it is *after* the birth of the child that rationality becomes essential, even though it may take strange new forms. Rationality drives us up out of deep sleep to comfort the hungry infant. And no matter how much we value spontaneity, reason helps us create regular schedules, because we soon see that children need predictability and routine. Analytical thinking helps us understand that establishing and reinforcing consistent expectations, no matter how tiring, will pay off in the long run. Stark necessity forces us to prioritize the competing demands of home and work. Assessing the world our children inhabit compels us to communicate values that will guide them through all the days of their lives.

I hope my young friend enjoys being a parent, but I also hope he brings more passion than practicality to the process. The full flowering of the enterprise, the real joy of it, is found in letting go of preconceived notions and following the child's lead on this most rewarding of all journeys.

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Slay and Florida to Town Hall Audience: Get Involved

By Julia Engelhardt

On April 3, 2002, Alderwoman Jennifer Florida and the 15th Ward Democrats co-sponsored a Town Hall Meeting and gave residents the opportunity to question both Mayor Slay and Alderwoman Florida about ongoing city projects, safety, nuisance issues, and citizen involvement. Jan O'Leary, President of the 15th Ward Democrats, opened the meeting and introduced both speakers.

Mayor Slay gave a comprehensive account of his first year in office and preempted questions he anticipated from audience members about public funding for the proposed ballpark and the fate of the Old Post Office.

He explained that the Cardinals' owners were providing \$438 million to the total budget for the ballpark, and that local public funding would be derived only from taxes on baseball ticket sales and hotel rooms. The Cardinals' owners would be forced to share their profits with the City were they to sell the team, and would incur a severe penalty if they failed to develop the ballpark village. He described the stadium project and ballpark village as an "anchor" for the region and a solidifying base to aid economic stimulus downtown.

He addressed concern surrounding the proposed demolition of the Old Post Office by stating the developers of downtown buildings de-

manded nearby parking and that by sacrificing the Old Post Office, he would save four other historically significant buildings.

The Mayor encouraged citizens, especially younger residents, to become involved in the City's Boards and Commissions, saying that there are always vacancies for qualified candidates. He urged those interested to call his office at 622-3201.

Regarding education, he said that charter schools were important because of the unacceptable performance levels of the public schools. He discussed the City's participation in the Teach for America program, through which graduates' loans are forgiven after they teach two years in the City schools.

He also described Project Appleseed, an initiative to help parents get more involved in their children's education. Responding to a question about Choteau Pond, he said that he likes the idea but it is cost prohibitive, with a \$400 million pricetage for the Pond itself. He hopes the a system of greenways will eventually link Forest Park to the Mississippi River.

Jennifer Florida

described her initiatives to pull neighborhood associations together, and tackle nuisance properties. She gave updates on economic development in the Ward concerning the South Side National Bank and the South Grand Business District, and announced the groundbreaking ceremony of the Gravois Plaza project, which is already under construction.

She stated that the Ward's greatest weakness is vacant buildings. Individuals can help by organizing in those areas lacking neighborhood associations, getting involved, meeting their neighbors, and calling the Citizens' Service Bureau at 622-4800 about nuisance properties.

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Resident Profile — Rosa Wright

By Erin O'Reily

I interviewed a long-time "Tower Grove Heightian" for this Gazette issue, Rosa Wright, who with her husband, Bill, has lived in TGH since 1962.

Rosa, who is originally from Chicago, moved to St. Louis as a young lady in 1950 after getting her BA degree from Southeast Missouri State College (now University). After working at a couple of unrewarding jobs, she took some vocational counseling at the Red Cross and landed a job at the Central Library in the Art Room which suited her investigative mentality very well.

It was there that she met Bill, her future husband, while he was preparing a program for his (volunteer) job as Sunday School Director at the Ethical Society. They married in 1957 and had son, David, when they moved into their home on Hartford Street. Daughter, Ellen was born the following year.

They chose to live in TGH because it was close to their jobs and their children could walk to Mann (and later Roosevelt) Schools and the Carpenter Library.

In addition, Rosa was glad that there were many good stores nearby like Woolsworths, Hesselburgs, Mavrako's, Sears, Becker's German Delicatessen, and such. She enjoyed having deliveries of food and services right to the home in those days.

Rosa was now a full-time mother and worked as a part-time volunteer at the Mann School. She was also a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader for seven years.

Bill worked at what was then known as DMAAC, the Defense

Mapping Aerospace Center. Rosa remembers the street cars still running down Grand when they first moved into the area and she treated her children to the last street car ride downtown in 1966.

David and Ellen both took piano lessons from Kathryn Kilker who lived on Juniata Street until recently. It is interesting to note that the Wrights live next to the Tobias family on Hartford, and in previous years both families lived in adjacent houses on Iowa street.

Rosa breastfed both of her children for over a year, which was not common at that time and still is not as common as the health experts would like it to be. I mention it because World Breastfeeding Week is in August and our national health goals are to increase breastfeeding rates to 75% initiation, 50% continuation at 6 months and 25% continuation till 1 year. Rosa appreciated how breastfeeding made it easier for her family.

Bill stayed at the defense-mapping job for 37 years until his retirement in 1986. Rosa went back to Librarian work after David and Ellen were out of high school and on to jobs, travels and/or college.

She also sat in on law classes to become better qualified for the law library work. In 1976, she was offered a job as Librarian of the Civil Court Library, and had the "most fabulous" office view behind the pillars 26 stories high that overlooked the downtown area and both bends of the Mississippi River.

This library was formed in 1838 and started as a membership library to provide its lawyer members with research and documents to support their cases. Rosa retired from that

job in 1998 after 22 years.

Since retirement, Rosa has indulged in one of her life-long passions: genealogy. She was inspired by a maternal Great Aunt who would allow her to read from the the Family Bible in which was recorded the births, deaths, marriages and other important dates of her ancestry.

Bill, Rosa's husband, also has a hobby: the study of Indian lore and dance, which he became interested in as a child living in Arizona. He has been given the honorary name of "First in the Dance" by a hobby group. He gives an occasional Indian show for school children.

Bill and Rosa are long-time members of the Ethical Society in St. Louis, which is described by Rosa as "a liberal religious fellowship which attempts to bring out the best in people."

The St. Louis Ethical Society was formed in 1886 and is the largest in the country with its 425 members. I never really knew what the Ethical Society was all about. Thank you, Rosa, now I know!

The Wrights are lucky to have both children and families close by: Robert lives near Robertsville, which is 35 miles from St. Louis and Ellen lives in South St. Louis. Ellen's 8-year-old daughter, Kaitlin, is their only grandchild and they have had the pleasure of being very involved with her!

Kaitlin attends Kennard CJA School. In fact, Rosa is on her way to Kaitlin's third grade award ceremony so this interview has to end now. I have really enjoyed getting to know Rosa and her history and now we all know where to go if we want tips on genealogy research!

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By Linda Schweighofer

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This month I visited with a delightful young pup: Happy, thought to be a cocker spaniel/golden retriever mix.

Full Name: Happy Renner (and I'm a boy dog, so quit saying, "she's so cute.")

Date of Birth: I don't know. I'm a dog. But I hear them say around 8, which I can't convert into dog years because I'm not allowed to play with the calculator any more. I may be a Libra.

I belong to: Michael and Meg, but my previous owner kept me in a basement...

don't even get me started on that! But they are soooo cool, they let me do anything. At least they're not the ones who named me Happy!

I can be sighted: 3600 block of Juniata, but spent my formative years in Warrenton (or so I'm told, I didn't see much of it. See answer above).

Turn-ons: Long walks in the park, moonlit beaches, Sunday mornings in bed with the paper...oh, wait, that's my personal ad. But I LOVE my belly scratched (my leg quivers uncontrollably), CHEESE!, long walks where I get to sniff and mark everything (this is a good neighborhood for that), pretending I'm one of the cats and lounging in my owners' laps, sleeping on their bed, following them around needlessly, rides in the car with my blonde hair blowing in the wind or wet nose pressed against the window, barking when the somebody

knocks on the door; *did I mention cheese?*

Pet Peeves: Mail that magically appears through the mail slot and threatens our very existence, having my nails touched, walking on wet grass, or not going a walk when one of my owners touches my leash.

What I do in my free time: It's all free time to me. I stare a lot, sit on the second floor landing waiting for something to happen (like mail attacking us!), chase the dumb cats, wait for a walk, wander up and down the 3

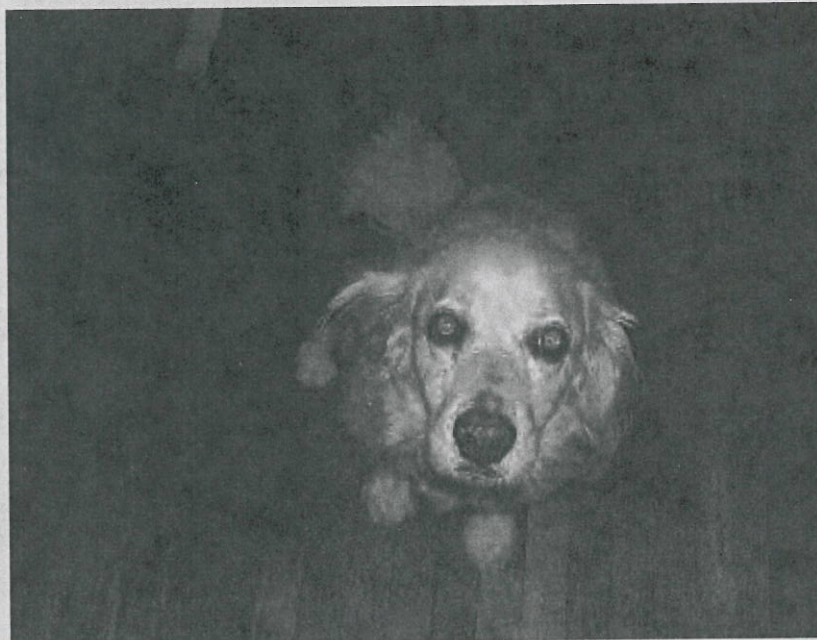
flights of stairs just to see if anything has changed.

My favorite thing about the neighborhood: The smells!

The park! But I hate those big barking dogs who feel they must display their canine machismo every hour of the day (what's with those guys?).

Unique Talents: Attacking, chewing and destroying mail that comes through the slot and sometimes carrying it all the

way to the second floor, the ability to curl up like a cat in small spaces, the ability to make people coo "awww" when they hear I'm a blonde spaniel/retriever mix, the inability to distinguish doorbells on TV from the real thing, thereby setting off bursts of barking.



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