

# Tower Grove Heights Gazette

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## Historic Heights

It's official! Tower Grove Heights is now a Historic District! Landmarks Association's nomination to place Tower Grove Heights on the National Register of Historic Places was approved in September at the federal level, the final stage in the process. The listing is the culmination of a community-initiated effort that has been two years in the making. It has required the active participation of several Heights residents, with the expert guidance and assistance of Landmarks Association.

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 that is quite unusual. The district is also remarkably intact. Boundaries of the district are Grand, Arsenal, Gustine and McDonald.

In addition to the recognition of the architectural significance of the neighborhood, this listing opens up new tax

credits for rehab projects. If you have a major rehab planned, you may be eligible for the state's 25% historic tax credit.

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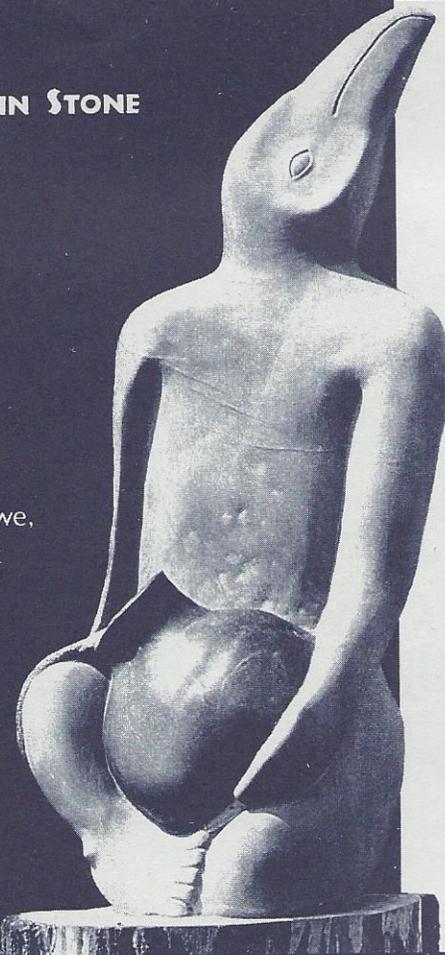
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# President's Column

By Michael Renner

If you're like me (God forbid, but let's pretend just this once), you experience a certain calm when you drive into our neighborhood. The tree-lined streets, the mostly well-kept homes and the



gardens seem to melt away whatever stresses that came home with you. When I see people walking their dogs and waving at neighbors I truly believe Tower Grove Heights is an oasis of city living.

When I go to our neighborhood meetings I also feel that we are an oasis of civic involvement. Looking around other associations like Grand Oak Hill and Tower Grove East, I know that they too are actively involved in neighborhood issues. That is the strength of this area. And it's also happening in North City, the inner-ring suburbs and many other communities in the St. Louis area.

It is easy to become cynical today. Sometimes it feels that no matter what we do as involved residents, something

always goes wrong. Maybe your car got broken into, maybe you witnessed a street crime, maybe you saw someone throw out the remains of their ten-pack White Castle meal in front of your

house. Yet we know things have improved. If home values were the sole indicator of a strong neighborhood, Tower Grove Heights would be a blue chip stock. But, of course, we didn't move here thinking our homes would increase in value 10% a year; we moved here for reasons broader and deeper than mere financial factors (though I'm not complaining).

More and more new folks are settling down here. And like Martha Stewart says, that's a good thing. If you have read this far, you're now realizing that there really isn't any point to this piece. It's just my personal feeling about living in a neighborhood that continually delights me. And to all you folks who settled here, you homesteaders, congratulations on setting the foundation for an oasis.

# Announcements

Congratulations to the three top winners of the 2001 TGHNA Garden Awards. They are: Tricia Heliker (3800 block of Hartford), Henry and Sandy Osborne (3800 block of Humphrey), and Suzanne and Tom Rhodenbaugh (3700 block of Arsenal). Look for an article and photos in the next Gazette.

The Gazette would like to welcome Julia Engelhardt and Mark Berry of the 3600 block of Juniata as the new Business Managers. They have lived in the neighborhood approximately one year and are enthusiastic about working with the neighborhood association.

Congratulations and thank you to Matt Fernandes who has volunteered to become the new editor of the Gazette. Matt has experience writing for the Post-Dispatch, and will bring a strong background of experience with him. Thanks for stepping up Matt.

Congratulations are also in order for Vicki Kearns, whose light pole banner design was selected by a vote of the TGHNA members present at the October General Meeting. We had many outstanding submissions and we thank all those who participated.

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## Restaurant Review - Bar Italia

By Tim and Deb Akin

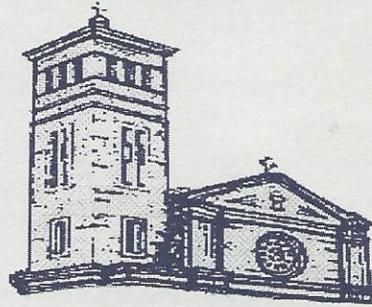
Bar Italia has been a fixture in the Central West End for almost 3 years. Its original location was about a half block from where it is located today and was very small and intimate. The original restaurant had an old world charm that we liked; we were anxious to see if the new location would measure up in terms of the food quality and atmosphere. It did not disappoint to say the least.

The new location has become very popular because of the expanded size of the indoor seating, the large bar area and, most of all, the expanded outdoor area. In addition to allowing more patrons to dine *al fresco*, an area has been set aside for entertainment. The music and the large number of patrons dining outside created a much livelier experience but certainly less intimate setting than the restaurant's former location. All in all we enjoyed the atmosphere and are happy the relocation has been so successful.

Bar Italia's new location has not diminished the quality of the food or service. In addition to the popular favorites such as tortellini, linquine miramare and pollo agro dolce, the specials are always very tempting. We tried two specials on our last visit: rainbow trout prepared with a fruit sauce and a butternut squash ravioli which was terrific. In one of our rare dessert moments, we tried a raspberry cake special that was one of the best cakes we have ever tasted.

Bar Italia is located at 13 Maryland Plaza in the Central West End. They are open Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Reservations are recommended. If you are planning to dine outside, reservations are almost certainly required on the weekend (assuming nice weather). Dress is casual but you won't be out of place in more formal attire. For more information and reservations call 314-361-7010.

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By Jennifer Florida

A redevelopment plan for Gravois Plaza was introduced to the Tax Increment Finance Commission, Wednesday, August 15th. KIMCO Corporation intends to begin demolition of the Plaza this November. The plans for the Plaza include complete demolition and re-grading of the entire Plaza. Shop-n-Save is the anchor in lease. We have the plans circulating our neighborhood meetings. The new improved Gravois Plaza will be an "L"-shaped shopping center. We look forward to the new construction to begin in March of 2002.

Allegiant Bank is in the process of acquiring South Side National Bank. If acquisition is successful, Allegiant will continue banking at the Grand and Gravois site. Allegiant has demonstrated its willingness to partner with the community, the Grand & Gravois Coalition by retaining architects and engineers to examine the historic landmark. They are in conversation with a reputable developer exploring the possibility of turning the tower into market rate housing. I am encouraged by the progress that has been made.

Just a reminder...we NEED Block Captains! The Block Captains meet at Grand Oak Hill at Juniata and Bent, the last Monday of the month at 7:00p.m.

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 citywide 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 and phone number and request on my voice mail at the Board of Aldermen at 622-3763.

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By Amanda E. Doyle

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My husband and I had a similar experience earlier this spring, albeit in reverse: we hosted a good, old-fashioned garage razing. Hard work? Oh, yeah. Stick-to-it-tiveness? Nobody stopped until the garage was gone. And it was a seriously awe-inspiring reminder of how much larger our community is than ourselves.

Let me back up to where this all started: well, it started behind our house. The "it," in this case, being a rather raging fire, which some no-good-nik felt compelled to start in the dumpster in our alley, setting to flame a pile of discarded couches next to the

dumpster for good measure. (The couches and other household waste continue to emanate from a foul four-family behind us, but that's a whole 'nother story...)

So, imagine you're me, and it's Easter Sunday night, and you're feeling rather smug with yourself (as I was) because you have retired to bed at the sensible hour of 10. Good, we've set the scene. I was reading a bit before turning out the light, and I kept vaguely hearing popping and snapping sounds coming from the alley. Call me jaded, but I've grown to expect a few unidentified noises from the urban environment, so I didn't even look up from my book. The noises continued, getting more frequent, so I leaned forward on the bed and looked out our bedroom window to see our garage in flames so high they licked over the roof.

Expletives may have been uttered, but since this is a family newsletter, I will leave

those to the reader's imagination. My husband, still glued to the computer, assumed my outburst signified dog barfing, a rather mundane occurrence in our four-animal household. I finally managed to spit out that our garage was on fire. Brian sprinted from the house with a camera and, of all things, a screwdriver. (He imagined some violent encounter with the perpetrator wherein Brian fastened him to a wall, perhaps, until the cops arrived.) I dialed 911.

As we stood in the alley, waiting for the fire trucks, I wavered between thinking, "OK,

television lines had been smoked), started to drift back indoors. A few stayed to chat for a long time.

All in all, we were very lucky to have gotten away with no significant damage to health or property, save for the loss of our garage. Standing there at midnight on Easter Sunday, though, we felt pretty helpless. I had no idea what our next move should be.

Well, eventually our next move was to get that useless garage shell out of there. After the insurance adjuster came, we thought surely we could tear the thing down. We and our friends, we reasoned, were up to the task of mindless destruction. It could even be fun.

We issued a call, via personal e-mails and the Tower Grove list, for folks to come to an Urban Garage Razing. Our end of the deal? Beverages and food. Nothing says party like free food.

On the designated Saturday, we were astonished by the outpouring of support — from our friends, yes, but even more from people we had no idea would be there. There were co-workers,

friends from "across Grand" we met during the Hartford home demolition debacle, and even one person we had never met before. He just came, he said, because he wanted to help. Folks showed up with tools and protective gear and mechanical and engineering knowledge: all good to have when you're tearing down a garage. The crowd grew so quickly that I returned to Gustine Market twice to replenish the beer supply. Our friends and neighbors went to work like a horde of crazed worker ants, making quick work of deconstructing our garage. By early afternoon, it was picked clean, with only one subsequent tetanus shot required for the whole bunch.

I believe that what goes around comes around, and it was gratifying to see so many members of our life's circle show up to help when help was needed. Many people search so long for a neighborhood like ours; enjoy it.



this fire is not that bad, and no one's home is threatened, and there was nothing that great in there anyway," to thinking, "Oh my God, this is huge! It's a blazing inferno! We shouldn't be standing here!" My compromise position was to hop the short fence and stand in our neighbors' yard. Our sweet neighbor, the late Dorsey Williams, prepared to give it a go with his garden hose when the firefighters arrived and blew right by him with their pressurized hoses.

Within 20 minutes, it was all over, although one fireman lingered, soaking the roof and every single red ember he could see to prevent further flare-ups. Our garage looked pitiful, with all the wooden window frames and doors having been torn out, to great bursts of smoke. As we stood there, expecting to be briefed, "Law and Order"-style, the firefighters packed up their equipment and rolled out. Curious neighbors, (most of whom had only been forced outside when their cable

# Report from the Capitol

By Sen. Patrick Dougherty

Protecting Missouri's children has always been my top priority, and I'm pleased that this session we were able to pass legislation to step up the fight against lead poisoning.

Rep. Russ Carnahan and I teamed up to pass into law much needed changes to our lead statutes. Under this measure, all children 6-months to 6-years-old with a "high-risk" of having lead poisoning will be tested.

An important part of this new law will now require, which the state has authority over, providing lead screenings for children and for pregnant women.

Missouri is the highest producer of lead in the nation, and consequently, remains a high-risk state for lead exposure. Those most at risk include children living in housing built before 1950, when lead paint was in heavy use, children living in older houses under renovation and children who have siblings or playmates who were poisoned. Because very young children tend to put everything in their mouths, they are most likely to get lead poisoning from the dust and chips from paint that has lead in it.

Sadly, Missouri children are at an especially high risk for a variety of reasons including the abundance of old housing stock in every county of the state. The City of St. Louis ranks with Kansas City, New York, Baltimore, and Providence, R.I., as one of the largest cities in the nation with a high concentration of old, privately-owned housing.

As part of SB 266, children living in geographic high risk areas will be tested for lead poisoning, and the state will determine which areas are at high risk.

In addition, as part of legislation, the health department will be more accountable for reporting lead poisoning cases. All lead level reports must include a patient's full address and blood lead level. All lead poisoning cases must be reported to local public health boards and agencies. The health department must define high-risk areas throughout the state and must report annually on the children living in those areas.

The measure requires nearly all insurance companies in the state to provide coverage for lead poisoning and would set up a fund

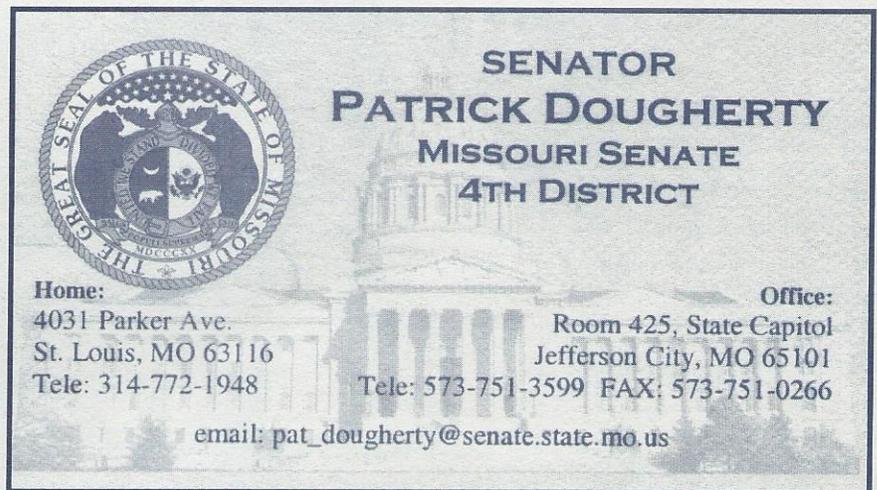
to pay for children who are uninsured. I was able to insure that \$1.3 million of the state's 2001-2002 fiscal year budget will go toward funding and screening children for lead poisoning. This \$1.3 million will come out of the \$374 million Missouri received in May as the first installment of the state's share of the national tobacco settlement. Fees for blood tests will now be credited to the Childhood Lead Testing Fund.

In Missouri, the average incidence rate of lead poisoning for children under the age of 6 is 11%, three times higher than the national average. From now on, parents in high-risk areas must provide evidence of

lead testing to childcare facilities. Lead poisoning can lead to many problems such as learning disabilities and behavioral problems, and at high doses, seizures and even death. These problems can be avoided by simply testing for lead poisoning.

Missouri now joins at least eight states, including Illinois, that have various lead testing requirements.

If you would like a copy of this or any other piece of legislation please don't hesitate to call my office at (573) 751-3599 or e-mail me at [pat\\_dougherty@senate.state.mo.us](mailto:pat_dougherty@senate.state.mo.us). A copy of this bill can also be obtained on the Senate's web page.



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# Grand South Grand House & Garden Tour

By O. John Groebel

The *ninth* annual Grand South Grand House and Garden Tour will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21, 2002, from 11:00 AM – 5 PM. It's never too early to start planning for this great event. We are always looking for additional neighborhood volunteers for our committees or to help out on the days of the tour. Contact information is provided below if you are interested in helping us show off our beautiful neighborhoods.

The tour features twelve (12) unique and beautiful residences that showcase diverse styles of city living at its best! The tour features homes from the following five historic neighborhoods along South Grand Avenue: Compton Heights, Compton Hill Reservoir Square, Shaw, Tower Grove East, and Tower Grove Heights.

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Unlike most house tours that feature a single neighborhood, the *five neighborhoods work together* to stage the largest St. Louis house tour. We are proud of our individual neighborhoods and we work together as a supportive community for the residents, businesses and institutions located in the South Grand neighborhoods. The proceeds from the tour are used for projects that benefit the five South Grand Neighborhoods.

Advance tickets will be \$12.00 and tickets on the days of the tour will be \$15.00. Discounts will be available for groups of 20 or more. Group tour planning information is available by request. Children 12 and under are free. The ticket booth and tour starting point are at the Water Tower Park (NE Corner South Grand & Russell).

Because the tour is self-paced, the tickets are valid for both days in case you don't complete the tour in one day.

Free shuttle busses will be provided between the ticket booth and homes, however, you can walk, bicycle or drive yourself (map provided). Entertainment will be offered in many of the homes.

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# Resident Profile - Rocky Keel

By Erin O'Reilly

As promised, I am profiling someone of the male gender this issue. His name is Robert Oscar Keel but he is known as *Rocky*. His mother did not want him to be called Bob so she added a y to his initials and came up with Rocky. Keel, according to his brother who has researched the family background, is probably of Irish or English background. He has some German heritage from his mother's side of the family and has lived in Germany and is fluent in German. He grew up in Maplewood but has made the city his home for a long time, including 11 years in Tower Grove Heights! He and his wife, Jane, knew they wanted to buy a house on the 36-3700 block of Hartford and found one to their liking in 1990.

Rocky obtained his undergraduate degree in 1974 from Kalamazoo University in Kalamazoo, Michigan (the home of Checker Cab, Gibson guitars, and Upjohn). He came back home for graduate studies at Washington University and obtained a Master's degree in 1976. His unfinished dissertation on the social psychology of physical disability still sits in a box somewhere in his basement. He was attracted to sociology because it helped him to make sense of all the social changes that influenced his youth. His specialty is the sociology of deviant behavior and most specifically, the social factors surrounding drug and alcohol use. Over the past few years he has also become interested in the relationship between society and technology with a focus on how society influences technological change. For the past 12 years he has worked at UM-St. Louis as a lecturer in the Sociology Department. His favorite course is Introduction to Sociology, and he has had the pleasure, over the past twenty-five years, of introducing over 5000 students to the study of so-

ciety. Rocky is self-educated in both woodworking and in computer technology. He has put both skills to good use: he had a woodworking business for 11 years, and he now coordinates online teaching resources at UMSL in addition to teaching sociology classes.

He met his wife, Jane, through a mutual friend, in 1983. They had their first date in February and proceeded to betrothal in June! Jane is a RN who has specialized in Labor and Delivery nursing since the early 1980's. She has welcomed lots of babies into the world! Jane had just returned from Germany when they met, and they returned to Germany and lived in Wuerzburg for the first 3 years of their marriage. Rocky worked for the army as educational coordinator for the army's drug abuse prevention program, and Jane worked for the army as a L and D nurse. They also took advantage of the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe.

Rocky and Jane have two daugh-

ters: Hannah is 10, and Abigail is 8, and they are both students at Kennard CJA school. Rocky and Jane are active as parent volunteers at Kennard. They also belong as a family to the Concordia Turners Gymnastic Society. This club harks back to the late 1800's and was established by German immigrants to St. Louis. In addition to gymnastics, it also offers dance, trampoline and exercise facilities, various family activities, and has an outdoor pool! (That sounds like a great resource for us city families!)

Rocky is putting his woodworking expertise to use in the refinishing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of their house. Hannah and Abigail are looking forward to having their own bedrooms up there. The family also hosts foreign exchange students from Germany during the summers, so they can use the extra space! He could be constructing a lookout up there for observing deviant behaviors in our neighborhood—so watch out all you deviant TGHians!

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# Toward an Urban Conservation Ethic

By Rick Clinebell

Here in Tower Grove Heights, we live amidst a pretty much common, ordinary, garden-variety type of vegetation, with a recently protected little piece of rather flamboyant (some might say too flamboyant) reconstructed prairie embedded therein. Since my passion is not a stamp collection, or a collection of sculpture, or something that can be hidden inside my house, the plants are visible for all to see. Some of these sightings result in neighbors' wishing to have some of these plants in their yards, which is gratifying.

One of the plants that has made many friends is butterflyweed, a native milkweed with bright orange flowers which got crowded out in my own collection, but which has bloomed beautifully in the garden of Donna and Terry Mayes the past two years. Since the Mayes live just across the street, with a hot, south-facing front lawn, butterflyweed does very well there, as one of its habitats are the hot, dry glades of the Missouri Ozarks. However, there is only one plant, and since the species is self-incompatible, it does not set seed. Soon as it cools down a bit, we will be adding a bunch more butterflyweeds to the front of the Mayes house, along with some other Ozark glade plants that only grow about two feet tall. This is very nice to look forward to as, here, there is "no more room in the inn." According to Terry, "Donna just loves her butterflyweed," and I feel fortunate to be able to supply more of them, to make a wider display. In planning out how to do this, it occurred to me that Donna's experience is exactly the process that led me to want to grow wildflowers and then become interested in prairie conservation, and then be concerned with the preservation of biodiversity and other issues of conservation ethics.

I suppose amidst the stress of modern life, an urban conservation ethic is the furthest thing from people's minds. And yet, things like butterflyweeds and butterflies

and native songbirds can take one's mind away from the stress that accompanies the challenge to protect our neighborhood from degeneration into lawlessness which is a very real and constant threat to all urban neighborhoods. One of the great joys of tending a wildflower garden on this little plot of land in south St. Louis is the opportunity to have a visual feast of butterflies which climaxes each year in August and September. Although it was a bit



strange at first to watch our monarchs flying about the front yard, and then back to the back yard, and then back to the front yard ad infinitum, there is much satisfaction to be derived from contemplating their companionship, and from knowing that the hard work that has gone into providing a meaningful habitat for them has been successful.

Parenthetically, dealing successfully with complaints about the wildflower garden to the City is a part of that stewardship. The four complaints (in ten months!) that Don and I have sustained regarding the garden do not originate with the City, but rather from initiation by someone here in the neighborhood. While the policy is such that it is not possible to learn from whom these complaints have come, they can be defended successfully, for there is nothing wrong with landscaping with wildflowers. It is not illegal. What is illegal is allowing noxious weeds to grow on one's property, and city employees are slowly beginning to learn how to tell the

difference between wildflowers and weeds.

Back to my main point about how to maintain sanity amidst the stress of modern life. There is a healing power to the human soul that nature provides. One does not see rooms in art museums devoted to French Impressionist paintings of lawns, but every major museum in the world has such rooms festooned with glorious paintings of flowery meadows. If Monet or Renoir were to appear in Tower Grove Heights for a day, easel and paints in hand, I wonder what they would stop and paint? I would like to think it might be Donna's butterflyweed or perhaps the wildflower display in my back yard. Vanity aside, I doubt they would have chosen to paint a zoysia grass lawn!

In addition to being beautiful, wildflower gardens play a role in mitigating the gross climatic changes that have occurred in all major industrialized cities due the barrenness of their vegetation. In Chicago, plantings are occurring on the roofs of skyscrapers in recognition of the fact of the cooling effects of vegetation, and as cities continue to create their own uncomfortable climates, one can hope that awareness of the need to mitigate urban desertification will continue. Frankly, I would not have believed – a decade ago – that gardens on the roofs of skyscrapers as a mitigation of the shortfalls of urban ecology would occur outside the domain of fiction. I wonder if there are any butterflyweeds on those skyscrapers!

An urban conservation ethic begins with a single butterflyweed. While most people would not want the tall and wild tangle of native plants that I keep in their own yards, there are many non-aggressive natives of low stature and high beauty, like the butterflyweed, which blend imperceptibly into the most traditional of landscapes. These are the ones that I can promote the easiest, the ones that can form a basis for expanding an urban conservation ethic into the fabric of the neighborhood.

## Take Me Out to The Ballgame! Redux

By Patty Schneider

Several of your neighbors in the Tower Grove Heights neighborhood answered that call and assisted with the concession stand fund-raiser. The neighborhood association has been staffing a concession stand at the Cardinals games as a fund-raiser. The association receives 9% of the total stand profit for a night game and 12% of the total stand profit for a day game. During this past season, we worked four games and raised nearly \$1700 for the neighborhood.

The benefit of this type fund-raiser is that other than time, it does require



any other resources. This can be a year-round and very profitable fund-raiser for the neighborhood association. There are opportunities to staff concession stands at events both at the Savvis Center and the TWA Dome. If you are interested in participating, a training session is mandatory. Please let one of your board members know if you are interested in helping out.

A very special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who gave up a few hours of their day to assist in this project this summer! The following people have volunteered in the concession stand (please forgive me if I leave out or misspell any names): Virlene Reicherts, Kurt Cummysky, Diane Hurwitz, Jodie Heliker, Mervin Crigler, Michael Renner, Meg Renner, Amanda Doyle,

Tom Rhodenbaugh, Ross Hammond, David Gibson, Joe Ogier, Rick Armstrong, Tod Martin, Sara Langan, David Gray, Sue Roberts, Pam, Patty Schneider, Cary Leimbach, Mark Berry, Julia Engelhardt, Tim O'Leary, Jan O'Leary, Dave Nissen and to all other who has assisted in some manner.



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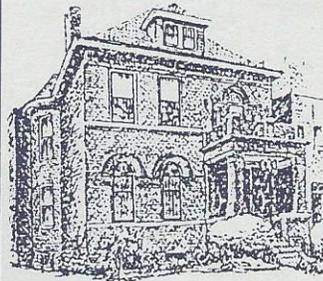
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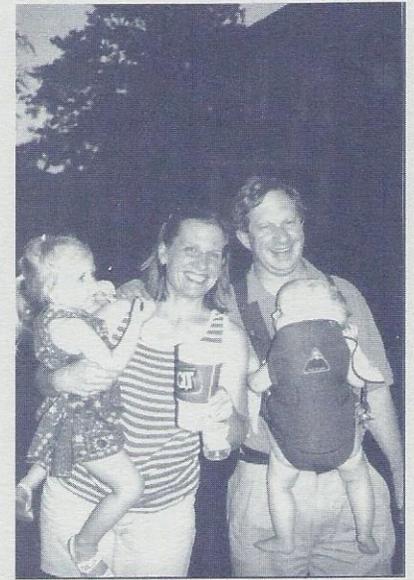
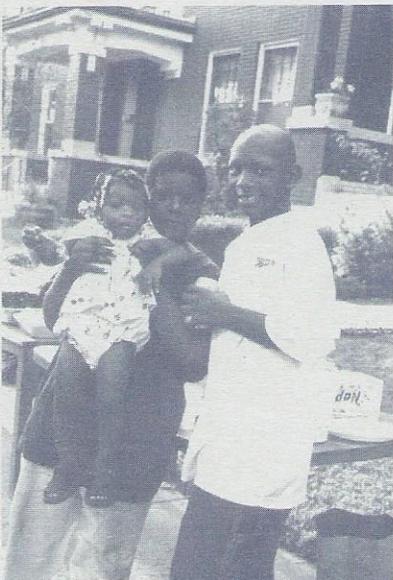
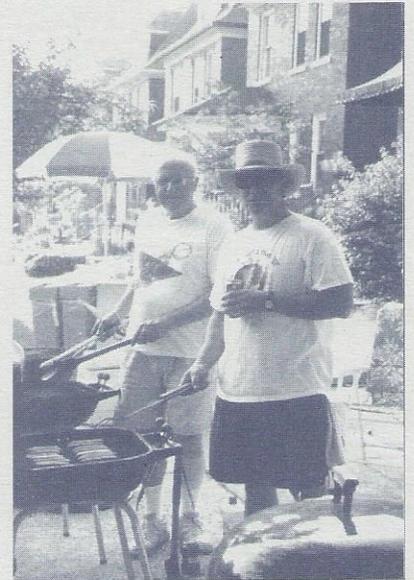
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# The Tattler - National Night Out

By Sara Langan

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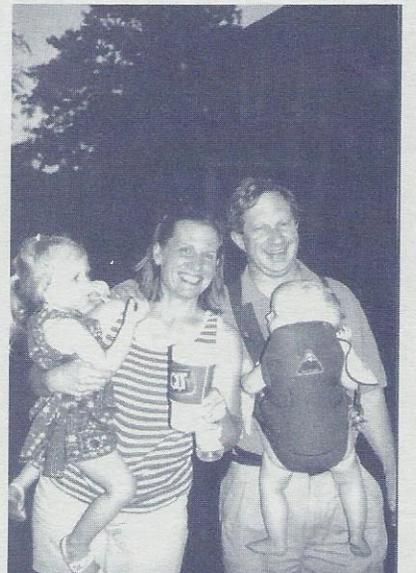
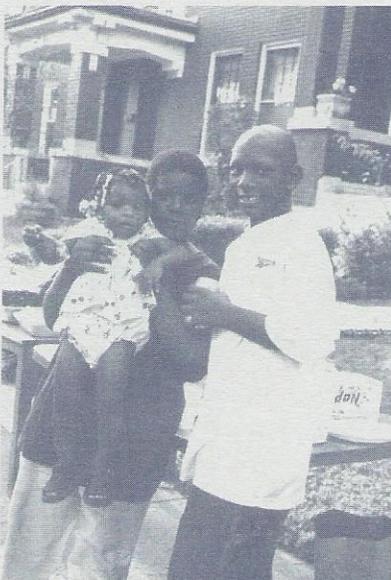
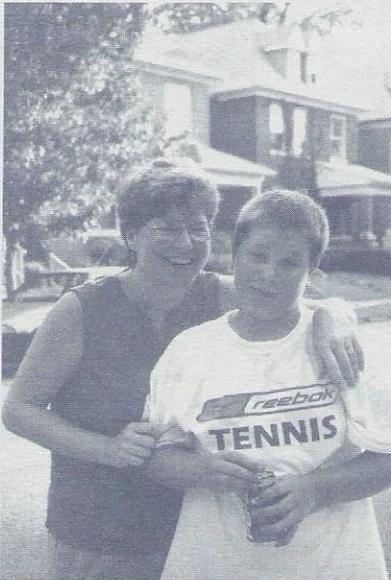


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