



Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – August 23, 2016

Convened: 7:10 p.m. Adjourned: 8:30 p.m. 32 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President Stephen Gregali (president@towergroveheights.com)

- **President – Open meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

- Three first-time attendees were identified: One from 3700 Humphrey and two from 3800 Juniata. Welcome to all!

- **Neighborhood business/announcements**

- **SLMPD 2nd District Liaison Officer, Ed Slade** (edslade@slmpd.org) (see attachment)

- *Saturday night there was an incident near Morgan Ford in which two individuals, ages 14 & 16 years-old, lost control of the stolen car they were in and crashed. They took off on foot. Police processed the scene for evidence. Officer Slade reminded residents that law enforcement may choose not to pursue suspects if safety risks outweigh the benefits of a chase.*
 - *There was a late-night robbery at Jimmy John's on S. Grand in which customers were also robbed. Police have processed the crime scene.*
 - *No new information on the robbery of the resident in the process of moving in at 36XX Hartford.*
 - *He strongly urged residents to raise their level of awareness when leaving their residence, e.g., putting away cell phone, in order to pay attention to surroundings. He states that criminals often look for distracted individuals who are more vulnerable to being caught off guard. Additionally, he encouraged residents to look passers-by in the eye.*
 - *In response to a resident's question about carjackings, Officer Slade stated that a suspect in a recent incident was apprehended with the help of footage obtained from area surveillance cameras.*
 - *In response to a resident's question about where most of the perpetrators are coming from, he stated that many are from north city, rather than from inside the neighborhood. He said that if vehicles are involved, almost all of the perpetrators are from outside the area.*
 - *Officer Slade and another officer have been doing bike patrols in the afternoons in the commercial area.*

- **15th Ward Aldermanic Report**

- No report. Alderperson Megan Green (megan.ellyia@gmail.com) not in attendance.

- **Neighborhood Improvement Specialist (formerly known as Neighborhood Stabilization Officer), Sherie Taylor** (taylorsh@stlouis-mo.gov)

- *Prefers to be contacted by email rather than by phone.*
 - *Forestry usually ends tree trimming for the season in September – residents are encouraged to call in reports soon.*
 - *Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) is offering grants for rainscaping to offset rain water. Interested residents should contact her for an application*

- *The City is behind in moving derelict vehicles off streets – be patient. However, if there is wetness under derelict cars or broken windows, contact Officer Slade right away since this could be a safety issue.*
- *She encouraged residents to ask neighbors to watch for each other when arriving or departing from home after dark.*
- **2016 Autumn Fest Chair, Marilyn Browning**
 - *Tower Grove Heights’ annual showcase event will be held on Saturday, October 8. Look for details and registration opportunities in the next issue of the Gazette, in the display box at 3801 Utah or online soon at www.towergroveheights.com.*
 - *Wine tasting and entrée-type foods will be served at the first house followed by desserts at house number two. The after-party will be at house number three. Pedicabs will transport attendees between homes.*
 - *Last year, over 160 neighbors attended this gracious event, so get your ticket early to avoid disappointment.*
- **Republican Election Judge Supervisor, Curtis Farber**
 - *Announced that poll workers from all parties are needed for the presidential election in November. (see attachment)*
 - *Pay for poll workers has been increased.*
 - *To sign up, visit <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/board-election-commissioners/poll-worker.cfm>*
- **Black Thorn Pub & Pizza owners, Dave and Sally DiFani, and Architect, Chelsea Zwick**
 - *The owners and their architect presented plans to build living quarters over the small parking lot in the rear of their business at 3735 Wyoming. They are seeking letters of support from the neighborhood for a variance to appeal the denial they received. Architectural plans were made available and residents were given an opportunity to ask questions. The proposed addition will add living space for them above a parking garage that can also be used for employee parking. Other than this addition and possibly some cosmetic changes, they do not anticipate any other changes to the existing business. They would like to get started soon so that they can move back to the neighborhood as soon as work is completed, which they expect will occur in the coming year. They have also addressed the TGHNA Board and the membership at Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association to seek support.*
 - *A motion was made by member, Tod A. Martin, and seconded by member, Vicky Dean, to provide a letter of support for the project. A voice vote produced no dissensions.*
 - *Rachel Witt suggested they open up a former entrance to be used as a carry-out entrance as the King and I restaurant recently did and which resulted in a 75% increase in their business.*
- **Rachel Witt, Executive Director, South Grand CID**
 - *South Grand Fall Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. There will be lots of vendors, activities and events in Ritz Park including a free photo booth.*
 - *Ten volunteers are needed to help with set-up, break-down and clean-up. Volunteers will get a free South Grand Fall Fest tee-shirt if signed up by September 2. Contact Rachel for more details: Rachel@southgrand.org*
 - *October 15: The first-ever South Grand “Chalk Block” competition will take place with plans for a beer garden in the parking lot behind Commerce Bank.*

- Rachel continues to encourage local businesses to install exterior cameras to help monitor, deter and evaluate criminal activity.
- Because of the recent change in doubling up police officers due to safety concerns, walking patrols will now take place on Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. along South Grand.
- Rachel has hired a new landscaping company to care for the garden areas. They will plant hardier native plants with more color.
- TGH resident and architect, Patrick Weber of Aesh Designs, 3735 Connecticut, will design a solar-powered kiosk for an informational display in Ritz Park.
- Brickyard Tavern, 3196 S. Grand, has closed.
- Panera Bread, known locally as St. Louis Bread Co., is changing their business model to include drive-thru windows, similar to many Starbucks' locations. Their lease on the South Grand location is up early next year and may not be renewed. However, the property management company is working on acquiring a tenant for the space should they leave.
- Historic plaques will be placed at selected locations along South Grand.
- Check website for more events/information: www.southgrand.org

➤ **Treasurer 's Report**

- Rick Stein (treasurer@towergroveheights.com) reported TGHNA's balance as \$13,367.74.
- July's main expense was a membership to SLACO (St. Louis Association of Community Organizations) <http://www.slaco-mo.org/>
- Membership fees and Gazette ads were deposited.

➤ **TGNCDC's "All-in for Change" 2nd Annual Bash & Texas Hold 'em Charity Tournament**

- Barbara Gilchrist announced the upcoming fundraiser for the Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation on Saturday, September 24, 5:30-11 p.m. to be held at St. Margaret of Scotland, 3854 Flad Avenue 63110. For those not interested in participating in the poker tournament, reduced-cost tickets to the party are also available. There will be an open bar, silent auction, raffles and attendance prizes. TGNCDC is focusing on improvement in the "wedge" area of the neighborhood. For tickets: <http://allinforchange2016.eventbrite.com> (see attachment)

➤ **Social Committee**

- Chair Vicky Dean is seeking volunteers to help with the 50/50 raffle at TGNCDC's "All-in for Change" event. (TGHNA will receive a portion of the proceeds from the raffle.)
- The next Heights Night event – the last of the season, - will take place on Tuesday, September 13 at Civil Life Brewing Company, 3714 Holt 63116. Everyone is welcome!
- The Social Committee is also working on a Halloween-related event, "Halloganza" scheduled for Saturday, October 29 in Ritz Park which will feature an urban campfire and photo booth. Look for Stray Dog Theatre and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

➤ **Block Captain Committee Report**

- Debra Knox Deiermann (blockrep@towergroveheights.com) recognized Marianne Rogers (3600-3700wyoming@towergroveheights.com) for her extraordinary efforts in welcoming new residents and recruiting a Block Captain for 3800 Wyoming: Ashley Morris (3800wyoming@towergroveheights.com).
- Debra announced a free TGNCDC-sponsored "Landlord Training: Nuisance Prevention and Abatement" on Saturday, September 17, 8:30-12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome – you do not have to be a landlord to attend. The event is free but registration is required.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/landlord-training-nuisance-abatement-and-prevention-tickets-27259275226> (see attachment)

- Metro St. Louis has announced the “Adopt-A-Stop” program in which groups or individuals can “adopt” a bus stop shelter to keep litter-free. There is a possibility that TGHNA will adopt the east side bus shelter at S. Grand and Juniata.
<http://www.metrostlouis.org/BusinessCommunity/AdoptAStop.aspx>
- Block Captains meet on second Mondays, January-November, at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut at Oak Hill, 6:30 p.m. in the Theoleos Room on the lower level.

- **New/Old Business/Announcements**

- Residents are encouraged to make use of the Suggestion Box available at TGHNA meetings.
- The next “Dining Out for Tower Grove Park” will take place on Thursday, August 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at The London Tea Room, 3128 Morgan Ford 63116. Five percent of that day’s proceeds will be donated to Tower Grove Park.
- “Festival of Nations” will take place in Tower Grove Park on August 27-28.
- The upcoming Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association meeting will take place on September 21 at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.
- Next month’s TGHNA meeting (Tuesday, September 27) will feature a report from “Better Together St. Louis” and the new City of St. Louis Chief Resilience Officer who is tasked with leading the formation of a Resilience Strategy.

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Knox Deiermann

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Part I Crime for "August" Coding Month

Tower Grove South | District - 2

Years: 2015 & 2016

	Total Coded In Aug 2015	-- Coded Thru Aug 22 M-T-D --				Total thru Aug 2015	----- Coded Thru Aug 22 Y-T-D -----			
		2015	2016	Chg.	% Chg.		2015	2016	Chg	% Chg.
Total Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	5	5	NA
Forced Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	5	5	NA
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Robbery	1	0	4	4	NA	31	30	37	7	23.3 %
Highway	1	0	3	3	NA	15	14	27	13	92.9 %
Business	0	0	1	1	NA	13	13	9	-4	-30.8 %
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	3	3	1	-2	-66.7 %
* Weapon	1	0	4	4	NA	20	19	25	6	31.6 %
* No Weapon	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	11	11	12	1	9.1 %
Total Aggr. Assault	1	1	6	5	500.0 %	46	46	54	8	17.4 %
Gun	0	0	3	3	NA	14	14	17	3	21.4 %
Knife	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	3	3	10	7	233.3 %
Other	1	1	3	2	200.0 %	25	25	23	-2	-8.0 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	4	4	4	0	0.0 %
# Simple Assault	12	7	1	-6	-85.7 %	66	61	65	4	6.6 %
TOTAL PERSON CRIME	2	1	10	9	900.0 %	78	77	98	21	27.3 %
Total Burglary	19	13	4	-9	-69.2 %	125	119	59	-60	-50.4 %
Residence - Day	5	3	0	-3	-100.0 %	33	31	23	-8	-25.8 %
Residence - Night	2	1	1	0	0.0 %	13	12	8	-4	-33.3 %
Residence - Time Unknown	10	7	3	-4	-57.1 %	68	65	27	-38	-58.5 %
Business - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Business - Night	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	7	7	1	-6	-85.7 %
Business - Time Unknown	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	4	4	0	-4	-100.0 %
Other - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Force	13	9	3	-6	-66.7 %	78	74	35	-39	-52.7 %
* No Force	5	3	1	-2	-66.7 %	39	37	17	-20	-54.1 %
* Attempt	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	8	8	7	-1	-12.5 %
Total Larceny	48	35	31	-4	-11.4 %	367	354	284	-70	-19.8 %
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Purse Snatch	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Shoplift	7	4	2	-2	-50.0 %	92	89	90	1	1.1 %
From Motor Vehicle	22	16	13	-3	-18.8 %	89	83	65	-18	-21.7 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	1	1	7	6	600.0 %	54	54	58	4	7.4 %
Bicycles	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	8	8	3	-5	-62.5 %
From Buildings	4	3	3	0	0.0 %	57	56	36	-20	-35.7 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	13	10	6	-4	-40.0 %	65	62	32	-30	-48.4 %
* Attempt	4	4	5	1	25.0 %	19	19	15	-4	-21.1 %
Total Vehicle Theft	14	8	8	0	0.0 %	77	71	44	-27	-38.0 %
Auto	12	7	6	-1	-14.3 %	65	60	35	-25	-41.7 %
Truck/Bus	1	0	2	2	NA	7	6	3	-3	-50.0 %
Motorcycle/Other	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	5	5	6	1	20.0 %
* Attempt	2	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	6	6	3	-3	-50.0 %
* Joy Ride	3	2	3	1	50.0 %	25	24	8	-16	-66.7 %
Total Arson	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	81	56	43	-13	-23.2 %	569	544	387	-157	-28.9 %
TOTAL CRIME	83	57	53	-4	-7.0 %	647	621	485	-136	-21.9 %

* - These counts were included in a previous line.

- These entries are not reflected in any group totals.

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Community Development Corporation**

Saturday, September 24

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Landlord Training: Nuisance Abatement and Prevention

By: [Tower Grove Neighborhoods CDC](#)

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Landlord Training: Nuisance Abatement and Prevention

Sat, Sep 17, 2016 at 8:30 AM - St. Louis, MO

FREE

Event Description

Learn about resources available in the city of St. Louis to prevent and abate nuisance. This four hour workshop will include the importance of comprehensive tenant screening, an overview of the City's Nuisance Ordinance, Project 87, and a review of environmental conditions that contribute to nuisance. Hear from the city's professionals who can help prevent and abate nuisance, including Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Annette Bridges, 23 Ward Alderman Joe Vacarro, City Attorney Michelle Burriel, Judge Joan Miller, and Heather Gasama of the Health Department's Environmental Health Service division. This is a free event.

This activity is funded by a HUD Community Development Block Grant, via the St. Louis Community Development Administration.

Tenant screening service available at TheScreenDoor.org, a service of Tower Grove Neighborhoods CDC.

WHEN

Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (CDT) -

[Add to Calendar](#)

WHERE

Missouri Botanical Garden - 4344 Shaw Boulevard Beaumont Room, St. Louis, MO 63110 -

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