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## Fifth Annual AUTUMN FEST IN THE HEIGHTS

BY DAVID BRUNS

**T**ower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Autumn Fest in the Heights on Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. As in previous years, four residents along Utah will open their homes and gardens to welcome neighbors and friends of the Heights for an evening of food, drink and live entertainment.

Festivities will begin at 3877 Utah with a unique array of Hors d'Oeuvres provided by local restaurants while Sasha's On Shaw will provide a complementary

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## Development plans spur neighborhood action on South Grand

BY DAVE CHILENSKI



**O**ver the last two years, South Grand has been the subject of a study sponsored by East-West Gateway's Great Streets Initiative – our region's metropolitan planning organization. Now, with federal stimulus funding available, the plans that have been researched and discussed are getting a fresh look by the city, local businesses and neighborhood residents as efforts to implement the ideas to improve South Grand begin to move ahead.

The focus of the the study has been to improve numerous aspects of South Grand between Arsenal and McDonald. The major focuses have included improving the pedestrian environment for both walkers

and bikers by slowing down the traffic; finding solutions to the parking problems on South Grand and in the surrounding neighborhoods; addressing the cracked sidewalks, protruding pavers and root-bound street trees currently struggling to stay healthy; enhancing the lighting to compensate for nightly traffic; and ensuring South Grand stays a viable thoroughfare for the busiest bus route in the region.

The time-line from design to construction is abnormally short in order to qualify for complete federal funding of the project. Estimates for the cost of the upgrades are approximately \$3 million. The federal stimulus guidelines include a deadline of construction documents by December 1st of this year, meaning that the meaningful time to finalize the proposed redesign must be completed by the beginning of October.

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# St. John's... Yet Another Jewel in Tower Grove Heights

BY JOHN PAPA

St. Louis has a long and storied religious history. French explorers and their missionaries brought the Roman Catholic faith to the upper Mississippi Valley centuries ago. As the city grew in population and diversity practitioners of other denominations established faith communities here.

Meeting at Christ Church downtown in December 1841 a group of American Episcopalians recognized the call to serve members of their community who began settling south of the city center, and St. John's Episcopal Church was founded. The third of four churches built by the congregation was in the Lafayette Square neighborhood, but it was virtually destroyed by a tornado in May 1896 with only the marble altar and chancel furniture surviving.

Demonstrating a resilient spirit which has become a trademark, this band of believers opened a new church at 3664 Arsenal (just west of Grand Avenue) in 1908. It has been a spirited anchor to the Heights and neighboring communities ever since.

Anglicans have a tradition of being very independent, progressive and committed to taking a thought-based approach to their beliefs, rather than strictly adhering to established ritual and dogma. The first Anglican church, the Church of England, declared its independence from the Catholic Pope in Rome in the 16th Century. The American Anglican or Episcopal Church did likewise from the Church of England at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1789 just down the street from where our national government was being formed after the fight for independence.



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# St. John's...

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This spirit of progressive independence is quite evident at the current St. John's. The American Episcopal Church ordained the first female priest in 1977, and it now has a female Bishop. Following in those groundbreaking footsteps, and true to a family history of grandparents who served as Baptist missionaries in Nigeria for over 40 years, the Reverend Teresa Mithen began serving as Pastor to the St. John's congregation here in 2004.

The product of parents raised in the Baptist and Roman Catholic traditions, who joined a North County integrated Episcopal Church upon relocating to St. Louis from New York before Teresa's birth, they exemplified an abiding feature of Anglicanism, the "via media", Latin for "middle way" between Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches.



Diminutive in stature but lionhearted, Pastor Teresa was called to shepherd St. John's even before graduating from the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Her bishop felt this young woman with a disarming personality and a B.A. in history from Yale and a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Chicago could resurrect a landmark parish which had lost all but 12 (symbolic?) regularly attending members.



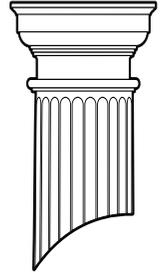
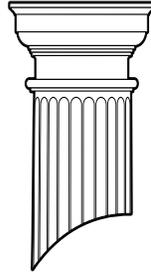
Her talents as a community organizer were put to the test early, as she first earned the trust of the existing dedicated faithful. There was much to work with. Those original twelve congregants, who had sustained the church during years of trial and uncertainty, remained steadfast with their new priest. By being open, inclusive and true to their principles, St. John's became one of the fastest growing churches in the area with average Sunday attendance at or near 100 weekly.

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The church itself could have been transported from a quaint New England Village. Its wooden, beamed ceiling soars above the worn but comfortable pews without the need for pillars or posts. The handsome marble high altar evokes the sense of actual sanctuary, when the story of the great tornado is told. There is an intricately carved pulpit on permanent loan from a still older congregation, but the church feature of greatest artistic and historical note is the oldest set of stained glass windows created and installed by the artisans Davis and Chambers in 1907.

St. John's is not just a reverent house where the Anglican principles of Reason, Scripture and Tradition are followed. It is a place for action, empowerment and justice. Pastor Teresa and her parishioners are particularly devoted to being a relevant resource to anyone in the community, whether a member of the parish or not. For some time now every usable space in the rambling parish center has housed the African Mutual Assistance Association of Missouri (AMAAN), the Immigrant & Refugees Women's Program

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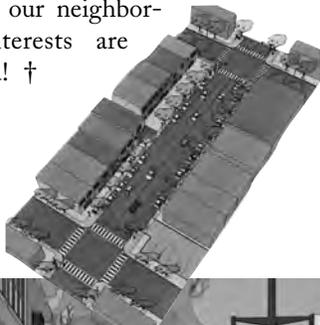
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# Development plans spur neighborhood action on South Grand

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Alderman Jennifer Florida and the TGHNA board encouraged the design team to take neighborhood concerns seriously. As a result, the first series of neighborhood meetings were offered in the second week of August. Nearly a hundred local residents and business owners were polled on the most important issues to address, including parking options, alley configuration and a series of nine potential lane configurations for South Grand. A majority of people responded that they would be interested in seeing South Grand reduced from four lanes to three in order to reduce speeding and increase safety. The three lane configuration would allow for one lane in each direction with a turning lane in the middle of the road to facilitate left hand turns. For complete results of the initial polling, visit the internet site of the Great Streets Initiative at: <http://tinyurl.com/qmlo6x>

The design team will take these initial polling results and narrow down two or three configuration options to present to our community during the week of September 7th. As of press time, the exact time and location of these meetings have not been set. An email will be posted on our neighborhood email list serve when details are provided by the design consultants. As a neighborhood resident, you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion at this next set of meetings. Please take the time to come, your involvement will make sure our neighborhood's interests are best served! †



## PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

East-West Gateway Council of Governments and the Design Workshop Team will host their second series of public informational open house meetings to solicit your input on the South Grand Great Streets Initiative. The goal of the Great Streets Initiative is to contribute to the economic vitality of communities like the Tower Grove neighborhood, to enhance safety, and to support and balance mobility while being conscious of the environment. The meetings are designed to give you an opportunity to learn about and voice your opinions about various **Conditions**, and **Proposed Design Alternatives** for the corridor.

*The facility is handicap accessible. For those who are in need of special accommodations such as a sign language interpreter, language translator, or escort, please notify Kay Green, Hudson and Associates, I.T.C., 314-436-3311.*

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Session 2: 11:00am - 1:00pm  
Session 3: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

A presentation will be given, highlighting the outcomes from the previously held open houses August 10 -12, 2009 including the results from the polling sessions and on-line surveys. The alternatives that resulted from the design team's analysis of the data collected will also be presented during all three sessions. The objective is to share with the audience the pros and cons of implementing infrastructure improvements related to the urban streetscape environment such as traffic calming measures, pedestrian safety measures, and green stormwater management techniques.

**Public Polling!** All three sessions are designed to give the public an overview of what has been gathered from the previous meetings and polling sessions. In addition, there will be an opportunity for participants to give their feedback on the alternatives and visual quality components of the project. Your comments during this meeting will provide the basis for further refinements in the Plan Alternatives. The graphic materials from the presentation and polling questions will also be available on the project website at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS. YOUR COMMENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR GOAL OF MAKING SOUTH GRAND A GREAT STREET!**

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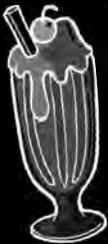
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## TURKISH DELIGHT

BY MARILYN BROWNING

A recipe for restaurant success—one Turkish chef with a passion for his native cooking, one architect from Saint Louis with an eye for appealing design, and a continued pursuit of perfection on the part of both of them. The result is an elegant and sophisticated restaurant with great service, reasonable prices, and a broad range of dishes designed to appeal to almost any palate. In short, Aya Sofia, the place Sauce magazine named in 2008 as Favorite Middle Eastern Restaurant and Favorite Place for Date Night.

The Turkish chef is Mehmet Yildiz, co-owner and executive chef of Aya Sofia, who found his way to Saint Louis from his small village of Pergamum on the west side of Turkey. The Saint Louis architect is co-owner Alicia Aboussie, who grew up in Sunset Hills. They met a decade ago in Saint Louis, fell in love, and combined their separate visions of what a restaurant should be into one great concept. After lots of searching, they purchased a property at 6671 Chippewa Street and began to mold it to their vision.

Along the way, they found and purchased a duplex on Humphrey Street in Tower Grove Heights. They've gradually restored architectural details that were lost along the way and renovated the bathroom. Renovation of the restaurant has so far taken priority over the Humphrey Street kitchen renovation.

The initial facelift of Aya Sofia took ten months, and Mehmet and Alicia opened the restaurant in October of 2005. The restaurant has continued to receive alteration of one kind or another in the years since. Most recently Alicia has added outdoor dining areas to the already appealing exterior. Think sleek outdoor furniture and outdoor umbrellas, made beautiful at night

with strung white lights and sculptural crimson light pendants. Mehmet, not to be outdone, has continued to shape the menu to reflect changing tastes and new ingredients. He recently found a source for fresh seafood catches that will be flown in from Turkey, and will be adding some great seafood dishes to the menu.

For those unfamiliar with Turkish cooking, the tastes, at least in Mehmet's region of Turkey, are a combination of southern Mediterranean cooking, Middle Eastern cooking, and Greek food, with its use of lamb, ground beef, eggplant, grape leaves, and feta cheese. Unsure of what this will taste like? Try the Aya Sofia meze platter, a group of appetizers that includes tabouli and hummus, warm pita bread triangles, stuffed grape leaves, and crispy fried phyllo stuffed with feta, parsley and dill, served with two dipping sauces—a flavorful garlic cumin tomato sauce and a fresh yogurt sauce.

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## RESIDENT PROFILE:

# Ray Marklin

Virginia Woolf once wrote, "Arrange whatever pieces come your way." Ray Marklin would definitely agree with that philosophy, and his house is a perfect reflection of it: quirky, comfortable, creative, even ingenious. A mannequin greets you as you enter, intricately painted in a rainbow of colors, and draped with various articles of clothing. The living room, in addition to the usual sofa and coffee table, holds a drum set. The space normally reserved for a dining room has morphed into a pleasantly crowded office. The attractive kitchen has been cobbled together from items found, given, and occasionally purchased. Like the other rooms of the house, it displays artwork done by friends. The backyard boasts a deck with six large columns, each column topped with a bowling ball. The columns were free; the bowling balls were a bargain from craigslist.

Like his house, Ray has plenty of stories to tell. Ray still plays sometimes with his old high school rock and roll band, the 4th Row, ("60's British-invasion music") and has opened for some pretty big acts, among them Dave Mason, Poco, and Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad.

He and a friend, a retired Delta Airlines employee, have flown standby all over the globe, seventy-two countries by Ray's count. He's chartered a boat to Grenada, sailing through the Caribbean. A hobby, photography, became a profession in 1982, and over the years he's mounted 30 one-man shows of his work. He does publicity photography for a number of places around town, including Sheldon Concert Hall, Saint Louis Art Museum, and Washington University Medical School in Saint Louis.

What brings a footloose and fancy-free guy like Ray to the neighborhood? It turns out that a while back, a friend mentioned that he wanted to sell a duplex that his family owned in Tower Grove Heights. (Though Ray is a life-long St. Louis resident, he confesses that until then, he hadn't even known the neighborhood existed.) In no time Ray had a tenant lined up for the upstairs apartment—a friend who'd been traveling the country for a year figuring out where to settle down. The negotiations for the house took a lot longer, fifty-one weeks to be exact, as the seller came to an agreement with other family members on an asking

by  
Marilyn Browning



price. So it was that Ray, a renter for twenty years, finally became a homeowner six years ago, and he hasn't looked back since.

The house needed help both upstairs and downstairs. The first order of business was repair to the second floor for his tenant. Renovation of Ray's living quarters downstairs has gone more slowly, as time and money have allowed. The back yard has been a project in itself. Ray is quick to admit that he had no knowledge of gardening when he started. What he did have was the advice of friends, and that led him to the Missouri Botanical Garden and a landscaping expert. The overgrown backyard gave way over time to a pergola; seating areas, including the aforementioned deck; and more formal planted areas. Many had the chance to see the fruits of those landscaping efforts, since Ray's place was one of the stops for Autumn Fest last year. If you missed it, you're in luck, since he'll be hosting again this year and the place looks even better.

What's next? Ray is busy mounting yet another one-man show. This one will be exhibited at the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts/Mitchell Museum in Mount Vernon, Illinois. The show is entitled "Rajistan: Ancient Colors and Traditions" and will feature photographs of some of Ray's travels through northern India. The show will run from October 31-December 31, 2009, with the opening scheduled for November 7th. It seems that Ray will keep arranging the pieces that come his way for the foreseeable future.

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After studying the brunch, lunch, and dinner menus, I see plenty of dishes I'll have to try, including iskender-- thinly-sliced seasoned beef and lamb in a garlic cumin tomato sauce over pita bread; musakka--baked layers of sliced eggplant, ground beef, béchamel sauce and grated cheese with tomato sauce; and a perennial favorite, sis kebabs (shish kebobs). I see myself eating my way down the whole appealing menu. Inspired by Alicia and Mehmet, I realize that the whole-hearted pursuit of the goal is the important thing. I reach for the phone to make a dinner reservation.†



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**Victor's Addition Adds Up Nicely**

BY RICH IEZZI

When Trish Heliker offered to give me a tour of Victor Pham's newly completed building addition at the northwest corner of Grand and Humphrey I said, 'sure'. Trish was involved as the projects' interior design consultant and subcontractor. Realizing that I had walked or driven by this building for the past 30 years, I figured I knew what to expect.

But as we approached the completed project, I became confused. It was the same building, sort of. But the new north addition didn't look new, which was a compliment. Everything in the new part exactly matched the original architecture including the limestone sills and exterior brick pattern. The addition added about 4,600 square feet. And it all started with a haircut.

Years ago, Trish Heliker was in Victor's previous hair salon, the Thu do shop, on the east side of Grand for a haircut when he asked her for advice on the shop's interior. Trish didn't have a current project and is passionate about design and rehab so she offered her opinion.

The advice was good and Victor consulted with her again when he expanded his business by purchasing the building at Grand and Humphrey. "After a dozen questions, I was hooked", says Trish. From there, an informal relationship of trust was spawned that would last throughout the projects' completion.

Timing was everything. Trish had completed several rehabs in the neighborhood and was looking for another challenge. Victor's life was a bit different. He left Viet Nam in the middle of the night at the age of 13. From there he traveled to

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## REHABBING WITH RICH

Thailand where he stayed for six months, sleeping on a piece of cardboard. Next, it was onto the Philippines where he learned English. He later joined his father in Florida and completed high school, earning a scholarship with his excellent grades. In 1986, however, Victor was involved in a car accident that left him in a cast after completing only one month of college.

Thinking it was a good time to visit his sister in St. Louis, Victor traveled to our fair city and met a famous hairdresser from Hong Kong who would redirect the young man's career. Working his way through the business, Victor suffered many setbacks before finally being able to purchase his own business and later acquire the building at Grand and Humphrey in 2004.

In November of 2006, Victor began planning the north addition that would add a first floor restaurant, Café Mochi, and living quarters on the second and third floors. Groundbreaking was in fall of 2007. On October 12, 2007, the wall collapsed.

The base of the existing building's north wall was being dug out to accommodate the basement for the addition. Victor was on the back deck eating breakfast before a 10 AM hair appointment. Suddenly, the corner of the building where he was standing began to rumble. He looked at the excavators working near the hole and the look on their faces said "NOT GOOD". He then ran inside and pulled his 10 AM client out the front door. When he returned to the north side of the building, he saw that the entire wall had collapsed into the hole. People along Grand came running from other shops and were shocked at the sight.

You might say that this was the low point of the project even though it did create a bit of neighborhood lore.

Work began again and on May 2, 2009, Café Mochi opened its doors with Victor's living quarters occupying the second and third floors over the new restaurant. The living space is a spectacular

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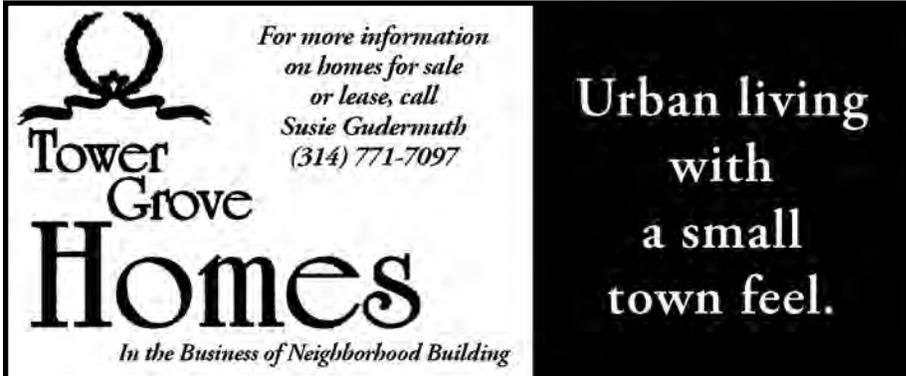



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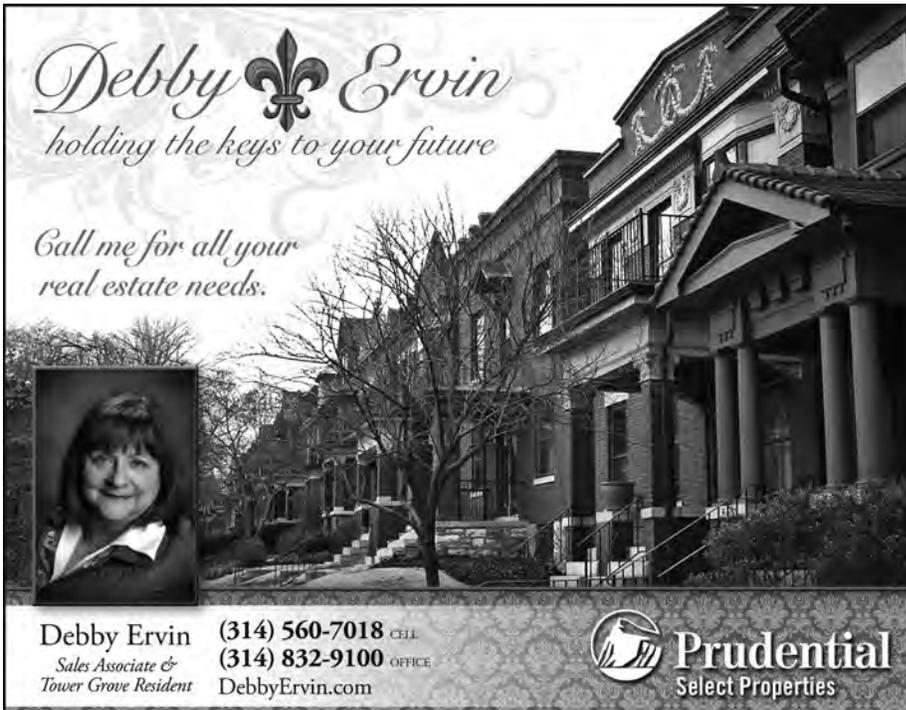
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### Victor's Addition Adds Up Nicely

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When asked if he would do it all over again, Victor sounded like so many of us when he said, "It's like having a baby. I haven't forgotten the pain yet". Some of the pain came from seemingly mundane jobs like venting the first floor kitchen exhaust hood through the tile roof. Other pains were money and time.

But Victor loves chatting with customers in his new restaurant and enjoys compliments on the building. "People stop to take pictures", he adds. And Trish? "I don't have to pay for a haircut for the rest of my life", she beams. †



# St. John's... Yet Another Jewel in Tower Grove Heights

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(IRWP), two AA groups, a MOMS Club International Chapter, the St. Louis Community Farmer's Market on winter weekends, the Kingdom House Family Center, and the rapidly expanding Peace Meal Project which served several hundred meals four times a month during 2008.

Immigrants, many of whom are religious refugees, are helped by AMAAN and IRWP with finding doctors, jobs, and English language training. After extensive renovations to occur this year, the church plans to open an infant/child day care and life learning center where immigrant children from the Muslim faith will play and grow with their Christian counterparts in a safe, loving environment.

Space limits a description of many other remarkable activities occurring daily at St. John's. They even have plans to hire a parish nurse. Visit their wonderfully informative and regularly updated website, ([www.towergrovechurch.org](http://www.towergrovechurch.org)) where they are proud to offer a link to their parish partner-Integrity USA, to get a flavor for the varied services offered.

Visit the beautiful church right around the corner, yet another jewel in Tower Grove Heights. Attend the 10 a.m. traditional Mass or the 5 p.m. Fun Service (designed for kids or the young at heart) any Sunday, and say hello to your Wyoming Avenue neighbor Pastor Teresa. She won't be difficult to find - look for a shock of fiery auburn hair that bears an uncanny resemblance to a Pentecostal flame! †



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The issue also goes into detail on Operation Con-Serv (Concentrated Services), a new program designed to enhance the livability of St. Louis neighborhoods. Through this program, City Inspectors systematically identified buildings and houses in violation of zoning regulations, issued citations for these violations and ticketed more than 1,500 abandoned motor vehicles. Operation Con-Serv also helped establish the Tower Grove South Housing Corporation. This business, made up in part by members of TGHNA, sought to acquire and develop property in the 15th Ward to renovate and then encourage owner occupancy of the rehabbed properties. Funding from the City was made available to help purchase these properties.

In addition to several seasonal recipes including Thin N Tonic (non-alcoholic version with quinine water), the Gazette reviewed the first annual TGHNA Christmas Party which was held at St. John's Episcopal Church and included a visit from Santa, who posed with the area children for "polaroid snapshots". †

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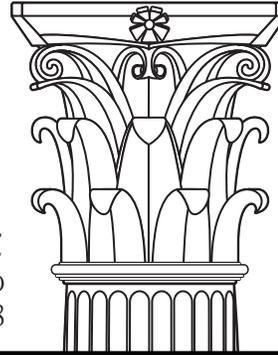


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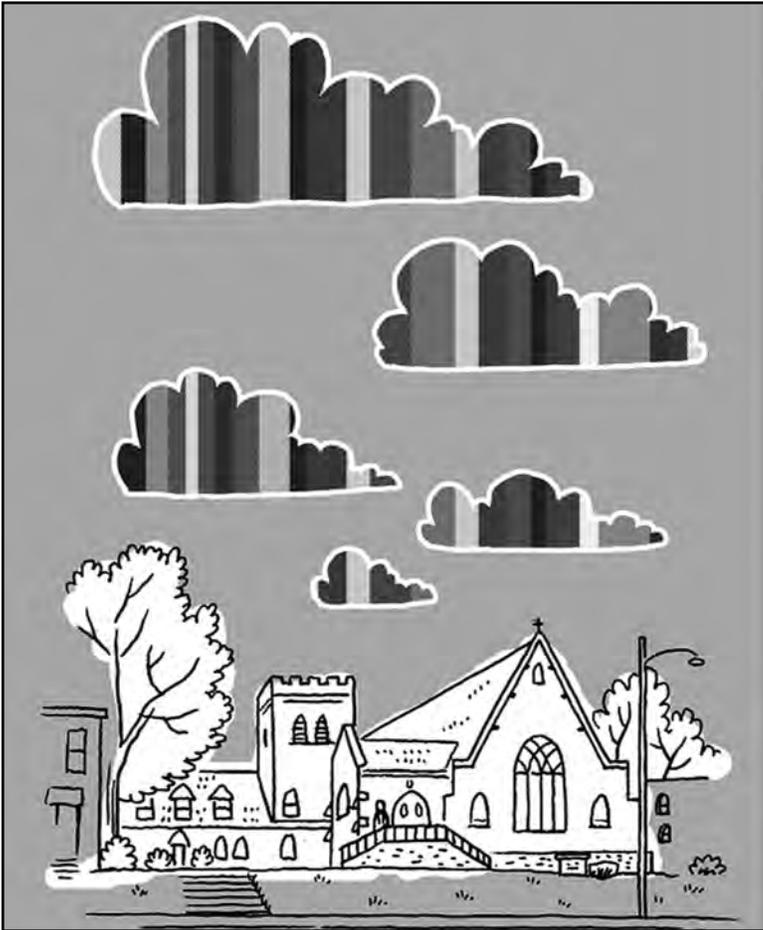
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Nostalgic horse-drawn carriage rides will once again chauffeur Autumn Fest attendees between venues with style and grace. An exciting addition to this year's event will be a FREE, Light Up the Heights gathering at Spring and Utah from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. where children and parents will have the opportunity to create their own luminary to place along the Utah boulevard, as well as enjoy music, delicious apple cider and other kid-friendly treats.

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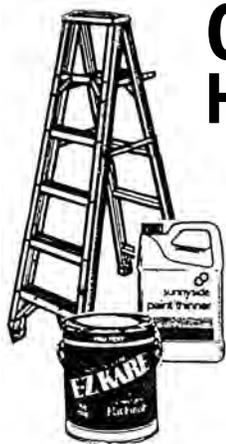


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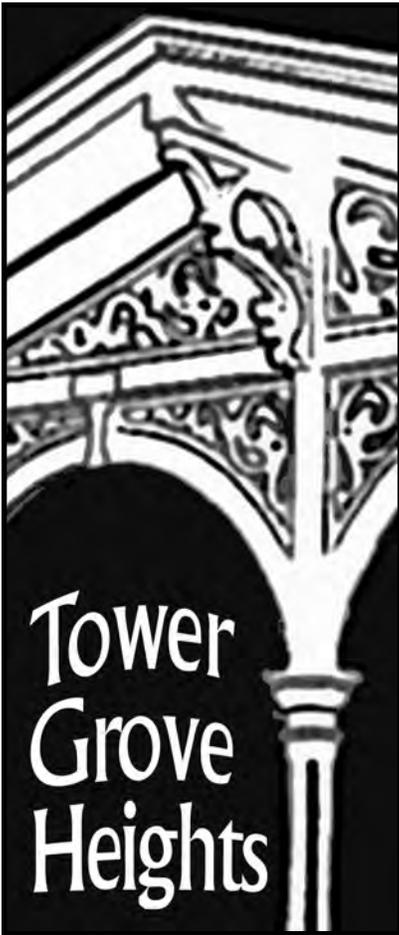
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**Sept 19: Tower Grove Movie Nights:** Whitaker Theater at the Pool Pavilion. Starts at dusk-around 8:30 PM. FREE; 9/19 - "Lady and the Tramp"

**- Oct: Muckerman Fountain and Pop Jets:** (May - October); Hours of operation: Sunday - Friday 10 AM - 7 PM, Saturdays 8 AM - 7 PM; Wading Pool open June 13 - Sept. 7. Hours of operation: Thursday - Sunday 11 AM - 4 PM (Pool portion closed Monday - Wednesday.)

**Oct 10: Autumn Fest in the Heights:** Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Autumn Fest in the Heights on Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Festivities will begin at 3877 Utah

**Oct 13: Children's Concert Series:** Piper Palm House; Oct. 13, Dec. 8; Doors Open at 6:30 p.m., concert begins at 7 p.m. Space is limited, and no reservation will be taken. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Free.

**- Oct 24: Tower Grove Farmer's Market:** Saturdays only through October 24 - just west of the Pool Pavilion in the center of the Park. 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Info call: 314-772-3899.





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(TGHNA is a tax exempt 501c3 organization)



**Saturday, October 10th, 2009**  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

## REGISTRATION FORM

# Fifth Annual - CONTINUED AUTUMN FEST IN THE HEIGHTS

Advance tickets for Autumn Fest in the Heights can be purchased by filling out the registration form and sending it along with \$15 per person to:

**David Bruns at 3877 Utah Place, St. Louis, MO 63116.**

Checks can be made out to: *Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association*. Tickets will be available for \$20 on the day of the event. For more information or to offer your help as a volunteer, please contact David Bruns at (217) 714-1342 or email: [david.a.bruns@gmail.com](mailto:david.a.bruns@gmail.com).

*Come enjoy a relaxing evening with your friends and neighbors as we celebrate what we all have come to know and love about living in Tower Grove Heights.*

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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