



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – October 24, 2017

Convened: 7:15 p.m. Adjourned: 8:15 p.m. 20 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Barbara Gilchrist (president@towergroveheights.com)

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

- Welcome to all!*

- **Neighborhood business/announcements**

- **SLMPD 2nd District update**

- *Liaison Officer, Ed Slade, reported that there has been no announcement yet on a new Chief of Police.*
 - *He provided crime stat handouts and stated that crime has been flat with last year. (see attachments)*
 - *He offered safety tips for trick-or-treaters this Halloween.*
 - *In response to a resident's question regarding whether the newly-named Director of Public Safety will affect police, he stated he thinks the appointee, Judge Jimmie Edwards, will be a good fit for the city.*

- **15th Ward Aldermanic report**

- *Alderman Megan Green stated the money for the speed humps was designated on July 1 but she is waiting on the streets department to lay them.*
 - *The long-awaited bathroom overhaul in McDonald Park that was approved by residents in April 2015 through the first Participating Budgeting process is scheduled to be completed next week. The playgrounds will be started on next. When complete, this will be 3rd accessible playground in the city.*
 - *The next round of Participatory Budgeting will begin next year and a committee will be formed to see it through.*
 - *In response to a resident's question regarding the recent increase of 20-30 year-old homeless in the area especially around the commercial district of S. Grand, Green responded that the city doesn't have enough space for them, especially since Larry Rice's downtown New Life Evangelistic Center was shut down. She states we need more small shelters spread out around the city so that one area is not supporting all of them. She stated there is a new head of Health Services.*
 - *Green suggested calling 211 to find shelter if we see homeless individuals, although there are often no spots available. She states the county frequently drops off homeless individuals in the downtown area because they also do not have enough space in county shelters.*
 - *Another resident remarked that homeless transgender individuals are impacted by gendered shelters.*

- **Featured Speakers**

- **Rachel Witt, Exe. Director, South Grand CID** (rachel@southgrand.org)

- Witt announced that South Grand Boulevard has been recognized as a Great Place in America by the American Planning Association. She states this is the fifth of this type of recognition in St. Louis. Congratulations to Rachel!
- There will be a bar at the new comic store located between Café Natasha and Meskerem. Martin Casas is one of the owners.
- There will be an annual report for the South Grand CID posted to their website shortly. www.southgrand.org.
- Hallowganza, a joint project between surrounding neighborhoods, will be held in the Ritz Park on October 28, 5-8 p.m.
- Witt encourages everyone to shop along South Grand on Small Business Saturday, November 25 then attend the 2nd annual tree lighting ceremony in Ritz Park, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- This year's Grinchmas event will be held in Ritz Park on December 2, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- There was carjacking behind Salon St. Louis, 3012 S. Grand. There will be some surveillance cameras installed in the area. Witt will ask SLMPD Captain Coonce to check with the new head of the Real Time Crime Center, Captain Deebea, to find out if the cameras will be monitored by the RTCC.
- Celebrity Janet Jackson was recently spotted in Treehouse Restaurant, 3177 S. Grand.
- **Local Author, Amanda Doyle**
 - Doyle was on hand to talk about the 2nd edition of her book, 100 Things to Do in St. Louis Before You Die. Copies were available for sale.
- **Announcements**
 - **Safety Committee**
 - Co-Chair Ryan Barry reported Steve Butz spoke to the Safety Committee about the resident-financed safety patrol that he organized in Holly Hills and that it has been duplicated in other communities. Butz reports crime is down 50 percent in his area since the patrols have begun and two suspects who were trying to break in to a house were apprehended.
 - **Social Committee**
 - Hallowganza will take place on October 28 in Ritz Park, 5-8 p.m. Tower Grove East resident, Walter Gunn, has written a ghost story that will be performed at the event.
 - **Block Captains**
 - The 10/9/2017 Block Captain meeting featured SLMPD 2nd District Liaison Officer, Ed Slade, who discussed safety tips and distributed invisible ink pens. These pens can be used to mark items with drivers' license numbers so that if the items are stolen and recovered, they can be returned to the legitimate owner. Debra brought the extra pens from that meeting for residents at this meeting.
 - Two members from the TGSNA Outreach & Engagement Committee visited and expressed an interest in working with the TGS-TGH Block Captain program.
 - **Treasurer**
 - September net worth is \$15,983.17.
 - **President**
 - TGHNA has made two deposits of material to the Missouri History Museum for their archives and will be making a third, shortly. These deposits include minutes of meetings, issues of the Gazette newsletter, etc.

- *Our own Tricia Heliker will be recognized as a “Neighborhood Volunteer” at the Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation “Southside Speakeasy” on November 11. (see attachment)*
- **Other Announcements**
 - *Next month’s agenda will include a presentation by the TGH Safety Committee. Vendors of residential security cameras will be part of this special presentation and can answer residents’ questions about their systems. This meeting may run slightly longer than our usual length of an hour.*
 - *We will also elect 2018 TGHNA Board of Officers. All eligible members are encouraged to vote.*
 - *No TGHNA meeting in December. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.*

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association values and seeks a diverse membership. The TGHNA Board recognizes and values the importance of inclusion.

Part 1 Crime Comparison By Date of Occurrence**Tower Grove South | District - 2****Week: Oct 12 thru Oct 18 Years: 2016 & 2017**

Year-To-Date Includes Data for "January 1 thru October 18"

	----- Oct 12 thru Oct 18 -----				----- Year-To-Date -----			
	2016	2017	Change	% Chg.	2016	2017	Change	% Chg.
Total Homicide	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	0	0.0 %
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	0	0.0 %
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Rape	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	0	-5	-100.0 %
Forced Rape	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	0	-5	-100.0 %
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Robbery	1	2	1	100.0 %	60	56	-4	-6.7 %
Highway	0	2	2	NA	46	39	-7	-15.2 %
Business	0	0	0	0.0 %	12	16	4	33.3 %
Miscellaneous	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	2	1	-1	-50.0 %
* Weapon	1	1	0	0.0 %	40	45	5	12.5 %
* No Weapon	0	1	1	NA	20	11	-9	-45.0 %
Total Aggr. Assault	1	1	0	0.0 %	65	43	-22	-33.8 %
Gun	0	0	0	0.0 %	22	17	-5	-22.7 %
Knife	0	1	1	NA	13	8	-5	-38.5 %
Other	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	26	16	-10	-38.5 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	0	0	0	0.0 %	4	2	-2	-50.0 %
# Simple Assault	2	2	0	0.0 %	81	67	-14	-17.3 %
TOTAL PERSON CRIME	2	3	1	50.0 %	132	101	-31	-23.5 %
Total Burglary	3	4	1	33.3 %	72	79	7	9.7 %
Residence - Day	0	1	1	NA	27	27	0	0.0 %
Residence - Night	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	11	11	0	0.0 %
Residence - Time Unknown	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	32	26	-6	-18.8 %
Business - Day	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	5	5	NA
Business - Night	1	1	0	0.0 %	2	6	4	200.0 %
Business - Time Unknown	0	2	2	NA	0	4	4	NA
Other - Day	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Night	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Force	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	40	46	6	15.0 %
* No Force	1	3	2	200.0 %	23	27	4	17.4 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0.0 %	9	6	-3	-33.3 %
Total Larceny	10	14	4	40.0 %	399	409	10	2.5 %
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Purse Snatch	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	2	2	NA
Shoplift	1	5	4	400.0 %	110	101	-9	-8.2 %
From Motor Vehicle	5	3	-2	-40.0 %	102	86	-16	-15.7 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	2	6	4	200.0 %	88	83	-5	-5.7 %
Bicycles	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	6	8	2	33.3 %
From Buildings	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	48	71	23	47.9 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	0	0	0	0.0 %	45	58	13	28.9 %
* Attempt	0	1	1	NA	19	15	-4	-21.1 %
Total Vehicle Theft	1	2	1	100.0 %	64	69	5	7.8 %
Auto	1	2	1	100.0 %	48	50	2	4.2 %
Truck/Bus	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	9	4	80.0 %
Motorcycle/Other	0	0	0	0.0 %	11	10	-1	-9.1 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0.0 %	6	7	1	16.7 %
* Joy Ride	0	1	1	NA	12	17	5	41.7 %
Total Arson	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	0	0.0 %
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	14	20	6	42.9 %	537	559	22	4.1 %
TOTAL CRIME	16	23	7	43.8 %	669	660	-9	-1.3 %

* - These counts were included in a previous line.

- These entries are not reflected in any group totals.



District 2 (All Shifts) - Bi-Weekly Part 1 Crimes October 4th - October 17th, 2017

Business Burglary

2 incidents of burglaries where 2 restaurants were broken into in Tower Grove South. The front door had some type of rock/concrete thrown through it and the cash register was targeted both times. Surveillance shows a male dressed in all dark clothing with his face covered and wearing gloves enter the store in one of the locations.

- 17-050644 - China King - 3849 Gravois Ave - occurred between 2300 and 0930
- 17-050658 - New China - 3730 S King-shiway - occurred between 0526 and 0530

Please refer to the Aggravated Assault and Homicide Weekly Reports on the Intranet for further information regarding incidents and hotspots.



Legend

- Business Robbery
- Robbery
- Garage Burglary
- Vacant Burglary
- Business Burglary
- Burglary
- Aggravated Assault
- Attempted Vehicle Theft
- Scooter/Moped Theft
- Vehicle Theft
- License Plate Theft
- Car Clouting
- Package Theft
- Theft - Other
- Cell Phone/Purse Snatch

Note: Car Cloutings and Vehicle Theft combined make up 58% of all crime in this 2 week period. Vehicle Thefts make up for 22% while Car Cloutings make up for 36% (not including License Plate Theft. Vehicle Thefts are occurring near where Car Cloutings are occurring.

Car Clouting

Beat 224 (Tower Grove South):

- Wednesday into Thursday (most active) from 1800 to 0800 hours; Monday into Tuesday from 1800 to 0100 hours. 3700-3800 blocks of Hartford St

Beat 225 (Shaw/Tower Grove Park):

- Wednesday into Thursday from 1800 to 1000 hours. 3900 block of Botanical Av and 4000 to 4100 blocks of Magnolia Av

Beat 227 (The Hill):

- Thursday (most active) from 0200 to 0900 hours; Sunday into Monday from 2200 to 0300 hours. 4900 to 5000 blocks of Shaw Av and Daggett Ave

Forest Park

- Tuesday and Wednesday from 1100 to 1700 hours. No specific streets

Vehicle Thefts

There were 25 reported incidents, 2 of which were attempted thefts and 4 were scooter thefts. Incidents are scattered throughout the district with a few hotspots.

Beat 225 (Shaw)

- Thursday (most active) from 1000 to 1500 hours; followed by Friday from 1600 to 1900 hours with no specific streets/blocks.

Beat 221 & 224 (Tower Grove South)

- Wednesday into Thursday from 2000 to 0300 hours and Friday into Saturday from 1900 to 0200 hours (most active). 3700 and 4000 blocks of Gravois Ave and 4000 block of Potomac St

Note: 2 attempted thefts also occurred at 3815 Wyoming St and 3925 Connecticut St
Note: See page 2 for the Citywide Vehicle Theft & Recovered Auto Location Report which is also posted on the intranet for further information.

Robbery

Scattered throughout the district, with Friday being most active; followed by Sunday and Tuesday. Times of day vary between 1200 and 0300 hours. Victim are usually sitting in their vehicle or walking when these occur.

Beat 223 (St. Louis Hills)

17-048981 - 5948 Nagel Ave - Vic stated a black truck stopped and 2 b/m's approached her, both being 5'6-5'10 wearing all dark clothing w/hoods over their head, one armed w/a blue steel semi-auto. They struck her in the head with the gun and took her purse. Witness stated it was a black Ford F150 that had been parked in front of 5953 Nagel for 2 days.

17-050590 - 4722 Tamm Ave - Vic was walking when a newer model, matte gray, large 4 door sedan stopped and 2 b/m's approached her. Suspect 1 is a b/m, 5'8, 17-20 yoa, wearing a dark blue and black jacket w/its hood up over his head, wearing a white scarf which was wrapped around his face. Subject produced 2 handguns, one silver semi auto and the other was a black semi auto. Suspect 2 is a b/m, 5'8, wearing all dark clothing, carrying a black handgun in his left hand. They demanded her keys and money and told her "Thank you" as they fled in her vehicle.

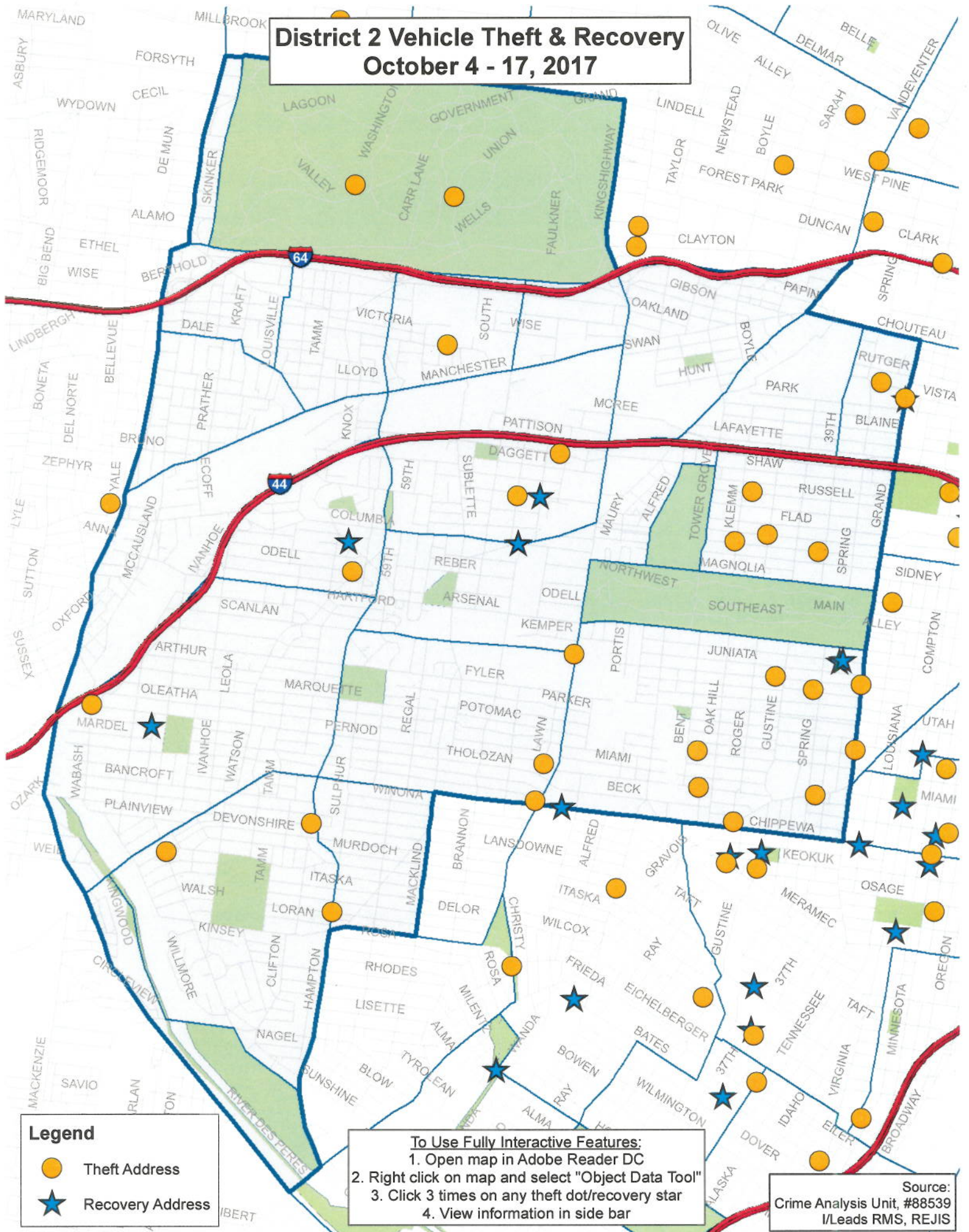
Robbery

Beat 224 (Tower Grove South)

17-049074 - 3642 Gustine Ave - Vic was walking when approached by 2 b/m's who began assaulting him, demanding money. They fled in a medium blue, 4 door Chevrolet.

17-050912 - 3415 S Grand Blvd - Vic was getting items from her trunk when a purple colored Oldsmobile pulled in the parking lot occupied by 2 b/m's. One approached her armed w/a revolver demanding keys. Vic was struck in the head with the gun. Sus grabbed vic's keys from trunk and fled in her vehicle.

District 2 Vehicle Theft & Recovery October 4 - 17, 2017



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NOVEMBER 11, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.



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3608 Gravois Ave., St. Louis, MO 63116



SERVING

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Complimentary Crafted Cocktails, Civil Life Beer and Hors d'Oevres



FEATURING

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2017 Neighborhood Volunteer Awards, Tarot Card Reader
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The Vault at Southside Tower
3608 Gravois Ave., St. Louis, MO 63116

CHAIRMAN: RAY FLOJO

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