



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting - March 26, 2019  
Convened: 7:15 p.m. Adjourned: 8:40 p.m. 42 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Ann Stanley ([president@towergroveheights.com](mailto:president@towergroveheights.com))

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**
  - **Newcomer recognition**
    - Welcome to the new attendees from 3700 Connecticut
- **Neighborhood Reports**
  - **15<sup>th</sup> Ward Aldermanic report** - Alderperson Megan Green ([megan@meganellyiagreen.com](mailto:megan@meganellyiagreen.com) / 314-591-9587)
    - News regarding Better Together
    - She and other aldermen are working with the Municipal League to gather 6000 signatures from both the city and county in order to form a board of freeholders to give a second option for the city/county merger. The goal is to offer more transparency and avoid a forced merger via a statewide vote. They are currently collecting signatures and hope to have the needed signatures within the next two months. Contact Megan for further details.
    - Repaving of Arsenal will begin soon (no specific start date available)
    - Applications available for those interested in having a speed hump placed on their block. Blocks will then be ranked and ordered by CSB and Megan. A speed study will be done by the Street's department. If there is sustained speed of 5mph or greater over the speed limit, the block will qualify for speed hump. Will continue to install bumps until allotted participatory budget funds run out.
  - **Neighborhood Improvement Specialist/ NSO, Katie Wolf** ([wolfk@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:wolfk@stlouis-mo.gov) or 314-657-1374)
    - Katie reports there have been no new major issues within the Heights to report.
    - Reminder to call if there are issues.
  - **SLMPD 2<sup>nd</sup> District update** - Liaison Officer Ed Slade ([edslade@slmpd.org](mailto:edslade@slmpd.org))
    - Officer Slade reported two incidents of packages stolen from porches on Wyoming and recent pickpocket near library this month.
    - Tentative court date for suspect in armed robbery outside of the King and I in November 2018 is set for early May. He will keep the Safety Committee apprised of updates.
    - See attachment for crime stats.
  - **Suzanne Carron, Sustainable Backyard Garden Tour**
    - Deadline to volunteer to be showcased on the tour is May 1, 2019.
    - Free admission
    - Last year 2000 guests took tour of backyard gardens in the city and county.
    - For more information, contact Suzanne at [s\\_carron@outlook.com](mailto:s_carron@outlook.com)
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Safety Committee** - Ryan Barry ([safety@towergroveheights.com](mailto:safety@towergroveheights.com)) and Barbara Gilchrist
    - Ryan not present for report, Melissa Barry proffered report
    - First camera was installed on Sunday at the corner of Hartford and Spring. Cadet Andrew Ladodge will be helping with further install. Homeowners will be contacted to schedule install of camera in the near future.

- THGNA was well represented at the Second District Police Awards Luncheon last week. We celebrated those officers who keep our district safe and awarded those officers of the month and year for 2018.
- Regarding vacant property at 3619 Humphrey, Barbara gave update on progress. TGHNA is pursuing legal action with help from Peter Hoffman against the current homeowner for neglect. Currently owner has 60 days to address issues with the exterior of the property. If
- **Treasurer's Report - Rick Stein ([treasurer@towergroveheights.com](mailto:treasurer@towergroveheights.com))**
  - Rick unable to attend
  - Annual audit: Completed by member-at-large Robert Ashton as member representative with Ryan Barry as Board Member (President-elect).
- **Membership - Jean Iezzi ([membership@towergroveheights.com](mailto:membership@towergroveheights.com))**
  - There are currently 359 TGHNA members. To join for as little as \$10 per year go to <http://towergroveheights.com/membership-registration/> . Members receive the annual Buzz Book and are entitled to vote at meetings.
- **Social Committee - Ann Stanley**
  - This summer's Heights Nights are planned as follows:
    - April: Hodak's
    - May: Aleto Construction
    - June: Cafe Mocha
    - July: TBD
- **Block Captains - Debra Knox Deiermann ([blockreps@towergroveheights.com](mailto:blockreps@towergroveheights.com))**
  - For more information, check out the Block Captain tab on [www.towergroveheights.com](http://www.towergroveheights.com).
  - The March meeting of block captains was with Shaw NOM. Neighborhood Ownership Model was discussed with Khatib Wahid with the Circuit Attorney's office.
  - There will be no meeting in April in lieu of An Evening with Kim Gardener on April 9th at Tower Grove Baptist Church
  - Next meeting will be a block captain training session.
  - Reminder: TGHNA will reimburse for a street closure permit (one per year) for any TGH block party. (No fee for permits for block parties on National Night Out, the first Tuesday in October).
- **Communications Report - Debra Knox Deiermann ([communications@towergroveheights.com](mailto:communications@towergroveheights.com))**
  - To keep up with the latest neighborhood news, sign up for this low-traffic list by contacting [communications@towergroveheights.com](mailto:communications@towergroveheights.com). If you have already signed up but are not getting monthly notices, please check your spam or junk folder.
- **Events**
  - Trivia Night - Barbara Gilchrist and Debra Knox Deiermann
    - Fundraiser for THGNA Block Party
    - Saturday, April, 27th at 6pm
    - Five Star Senior Center (across from Kutis Funeral Home on Gravois Blvd.)
    - Register online at [www.towergroveheights.com/trivia\\_night](http://www.towergroveheights.com/trivia_night)
    - See attached flyer for details
- **Thinking of Remodeling: Panel of local professionals discuss renovation trends.** Patrick Weber (Aesh Design), Patty Aleto and Andrew O'Dell (Aleto), Andrew Keiner (STL Real Estate Society), Christopher Thiemet (Circa Realty), and Diana Ragan (Signature Kitchen and Bath)
  - Moderated panel discussed what makes the Heights neighborhood stand out, thoughts on current trend of open floor plans, what renovations give homeowners the biggest "bang for their buck", and what can be done to help aging homeowners stay in their homes.
- **Announcements**

- 2019 TGHNA President, Ann Stanley, announced the April meeting will feature an Earth Day theme. Please forward any program suggestions to [president@towergroveheights.com](mailto:president@towergroveheights.com).
- Next TGSNA meeting: Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30 p.m. at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- Next TGHNA meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 7:15 p.m. at Center for Divine Love, 3617 Wyoming. Everyone is welcome to attend!

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
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