

# Tower Grove Heights Gazette

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD TO BE ELECTED

The election of officers of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association will be held in November, 1989. The following offices, which are elected for a term of one year, need nominees: President, President-elect, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association consists of these elected officers plus the committee chairpersons and six at-large advisory directors. Committee chairpersons are elected by each committee yearly. The at-large advisory directors, who are appointed, consists of: the State Representative, Alderman, Member of the Tower Grove South Housing Corporation, Grand Business District Liaison, immediate past-President of the Association and a lawyer. The full Board of Directors meets annually. The officers and committee chairpersons meet monthly.

A nominating committee has been formed for the important task of seeking candidates for the elected positions. The committee will also oversee the election

in November. The members of this committee are: Don Hardin (772-9151), Keely Cook (776-6800), Jim Fraizer (776-8766), Peter Fick (771-9183), and Veda Lynn (771-2928).

The nominating committee will seek out members willing to run for an office and fulfill the duties of that office for the term elected. All nominees must have been a member of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association for one year. You can contact any member of the nominating committee if you would like to be a candidate, nominate someone you know, or receive information on what the duties of each office are according to the bylaws.

It is important that all area residents have a voice in who represents our neighborhood. To participate in these elections, you must be a member the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association for 60 days prior to voting. To be eligible to vote you must be a member by September 20. Voting will take place by ballot at the November 19 meeting.

*-Paul and Cindy Lazzari*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

You voice is needed in the decisions of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association. To date, the Association has 187 members. All residents in Tower Grove Heights have an opportunity to contribute their ideas to the growth and direction of the Association. The list below show how many members the TGHNA has by block.

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Arsenal	2	1
Hartford	6	43
Juniata	1	5
Connecticut	7	53
Wyoming	6	7
Humphrey	27	4
Utah	13	7
Business &	5	
Other		

If you have not become a member, or renewed your membership of last year, of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association, you may use the form in this Gazette to do so.

## FROM THE EDITORS

On August 30, 1988, the first issue of the Gazette rolled off the press and into the home of every resident in the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood plus into the homes and businesses of 300 non-residents. During the past year, the Gazette has received wide acclaim from other neighborhood associations, as well as from various offices at City Hall. But even with all the compliments, we at the Gazette are constantly striving to put out a quality publication. We want to give you, the residents, a publication that not only informs you about your neighborhood association; but a publication that gives you information and insight as to what's happening around us.

With the anniversary of our first year of publication, we are asking the residents of Tower Grove Heights to give us your input on the Gazette. Let us know what you like or dislike about the Gazette. What articles over the past year were your favorites and tell us why. Give us your ideas on articles and subjects you would like to see covered in the Gazette. Write to us and let us know how you feel. Mail your letters to: The Gazette/TGHNA, P.O. Box 22174, St. Louis, MO 63116.

In this issue of the Gazette, we cover a wide range of subjects that should be of interest: The changes in the rules governing conservation districts, a profile of an area resident, information

about the Japanese Festival currently being held at the Missouri Botanical Garden, and updates on block parties in our neighborhood. There are also two very important articles that all residents should take note of: the TGH membership update and the TGH November election of officers. Remember, in order to have a voice in what the neighborhood association does, you must be a paid member. Don't hesitate to mail in your membership dues today!

Hope you enjoy the issue...and don't forget to let us hear from you!

*Janice Nesser*  
Janice Nesser

*Tom Booth*  
Tom Booth



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## ON GRAND

In each issue of the Gazette, this column will include information about current events on Grand South Grand and a highlight of one of the businesses.

The "Cultural Corridor" is the new buzz word describing a 2.5 mile section of Grand Avenue that starts at Powell Hall. Traveling south takes you past The Fox, St. Francis Xavier Church, St. Louis University, Reservoir Park, Compton Heights, Flora Place, Tiffany Neighborhood, Shaw Neighborhood, Tower Grove East, Tower Grove Park, Tower Grove Heights, and the culturally diverse businesses of Grand South Grand. The entire route is set with architectural jewels. Drive, bike or walk this "Cultural Corridor". It is unique in our City.

On June 24th, Helen Fabbri, creating tangible reality from many years of travel and experience in the import business, opened FARU at 3111 Grand. This unique shop offers diverse items from South America, the Caribbean, Africa, Mexico, and Native American Indians. Most items are handcrafted. There is truly something for every taste and every pocketbook. Prices range from one dollar - up. Treasures to be found include: sweaters, jewelry (an abundance of turquoise), scarves, purses, leg warmers, stone carvings, jewelry boxes, ceremonial masks, pottery, and rugs that may also be used as wallhangings. Faru is decorated in the "Sante Fe" look, with earth tones and mauve. While you browse, classical music fills the air. This tasteful and fascinating shop is a welcome and inspiring addition to Grand South Grand. It makes a powerful statement of the renaissance that is to be found on Grand South Grand and throughout the city. Operating hours are: 10:30am to 6pm Monday through Saturday. Operating hours will be expanded in September to include Sunday from 11am to 4pm.

*-Don Hardin*



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# EAST MEETS WEST AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN



"East Meets West" is the theme of the 15th annual Japanese Festival being held at the Missouri Botanical Garden from August 26 to September 4. This year's festival will highlight the influence eastern and western cultures have had on each other. The theme of cultural exchange will also honor the 15th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between St. Louis and Suwa, Japan.

The weekends and Labor Day at the Garden will feature taiko drum groups, koto (Japanese harp) playing, Kyogen plays (comedy), Danmari (mime) and martial arts demonstrations. Running throughout the week in the Ridgway Center will be an array of

demonstrations, including origami (paper folding), Japanese embroidery, fan making and fabric dying. Also in the Ridgway, a photo exhibit entitled "Kumadori: The Face of Kabuki" will be on display. This exhibit will demonstrate the art of Japanese theatrical make-up. Japanese movies are scheduled for weekday evenings. And on Children's Day, September 1st, the Suzuki violinist and cellists will perform to celebrate the 15 year anniversary of the St. Louis/Suwa Sister City program.

The Japanese Festival centers around the Japanese Garden, Seiwa-En, the garden of pure, clear harmony and peace. With its 14 acres, it is the largest Japanese Garden in North America.

The design of Seiwa-En is that of a 17th century stroll garden. Its curving

paths around a 4 1/2 acre lake, give the visitor different aspects of its beauty from varying points of view. Within the Japanese Garden there are traditional Japanese bridges, lanterns, Zen dry gardens and a sacred tea house. Tours of Seiwa-En are available during the Japanese Festival from 10am to 11:30am.

For more information on the festival and a schedule of events, call 577-5198 from 9am to 5pm on the weekdays and 9am to 7pm on the weekends.

-Benjamin Chu



## Heritage Members

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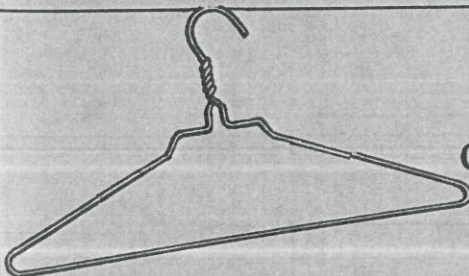
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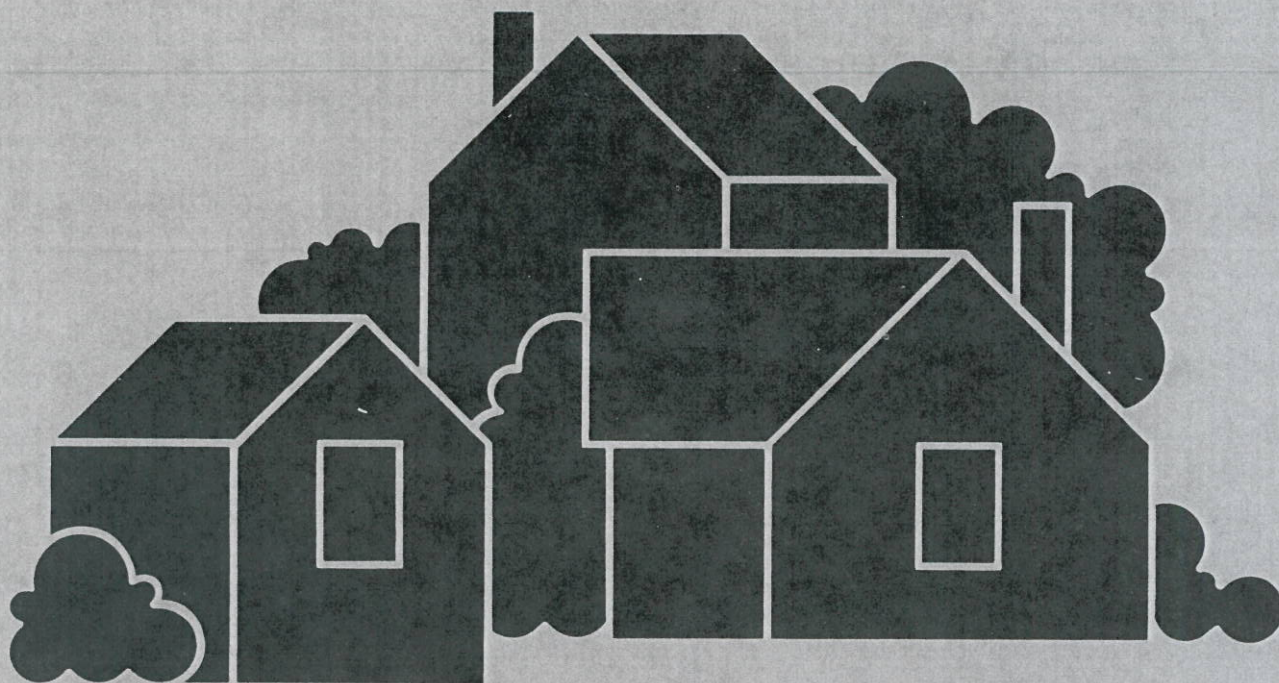
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## REFUSE RESPONSIBILITY

How many times have you wondered, while following that well-worn path to your dumpster out back, "is this item I'm about to put to rest beneath the lid of my neighborhood trash receptacle something I should have disposed of in another way?"

Just what are our responsibilities as good neighbors when it comes to the care and feeding of our community dumpsters? A refresher is in order for me and I thought it might be for others as well.

First we all need to remember that every resident is responsible for keeping their half of the alley clean. Since the City of St. Louis provides many dumpsters in our alleys for convenient usage, this should be an easy task for us all. Below are listed several reminders for the use and care of these dumpsters:

1. The dumpsters should not be moved from their original location.
2. They should not be filled beyond their capacity. Each dumpster is shared by several households, so if a particular one is filled, simply use another one on the block.
3. They are not to be used for bulk

trash items.

4. They are not to be used for dumping flammable liquids, such as gas or oil.

But what about the stuff we encounter that is too large to be disposed of in the dumpsters? Well, the city also provides a regular monthly collection of bulk items. These include items such as appliances, furniture or anything over three feet long. For the Tower Grove Heights area, bulk trash collection occurs on the third week of every month. Residents should place no more than three items in the alley behind their property by 6am on Monday, making sure not to block driveways or entrances. If your items are not picked up by 4pm on Wednesday, you should report this by calling the following number: 622-4800. Small or loose items should be bundled and refrigerator doors removed.

So now that we have all had a refresher on refuse responsibilities, you should no longer have to wonder what to do with that old Magnavox console TV which has been occupying the southeast corner of your cellar since Wally and the Beaver were prime-time!

-Keely Cook

-David Wagner

### Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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## A MESSAGE FROM ALDERMAN GERALDINE OSBORN

The area bounded by Grand, Arsenal, Kingshighway and Chippeawa was selected to be included in the Operation ConServ program. Operation ConServ is separate and distinct from the Conservation District Program.

The Conservation District program was established by ordinance. It's the program which provides for inspections of residential property in designated districts when there's a change of owner or occupant. Operation ConServ, on the other hand, was created administratively rather than by ordinance. Operation ConServ, as the name suggests, should provide "concentrated services" in the neighborhoods selected for the program.

As a part of Operation ConServ, a consultant was hired and a survey of neighborhood conditions and problems was conducted. Some 400 randomly selected residents were interviewed by phone to determine their attitudes toward the area. Some neighborhood leaders and real estate agents were also interviewed to get their views on the neighborhood.

Besides the neighborhood survey, which has now been completed, Operation ConServ also provides for the formation of a neighborhood planning committee in each of the ConServ districts. Our district has now reached that stage in the process and an important meeting has been scheduled for 7:30pm on Wednesday, Sept. 13. The meeting will be held at Holy Family Parish Center, 4137 Humphrey. All area residents are invited.

The survey results will be presented and discussed at this meeting and the process of forming a neighborhood planning committee will be discussed and started. I hope that many of the members of the Tower Grove Heights Assn. will participate.

**Geraldine (Gerry) Osborn**  
773-8416 622-3287  
Home Board of Aldermen

## HORTICULTURAL CORNER

Although the end of summer is here, this doesn't have to mean the gardening year is over. There are still approximately 65 days left in the growing season. Many vegetable varieties may be planted now, will reach maturity and be ready for harvest long before the first killing frost.

Radishes are ready for harvest within a mere 22 days, which allows for at least 3 successive plantings. Lettuce, particularly the loose leaf types, can be ready for a delicious salad in 40-45 days. Spinach is another quick-maturing vegetable that will be ready for harvest in about 50 days. (To get a jump on next summer, try harvesting only the outer leaves of the spinach. Then mulch over the plants when winter frost threatens.

Uncover the plants in the spring and you will have fresh spinach on your table by May.) Peas are another excellent fall-planted vegetable. As the peas reach their flowering stage, the temperatures will be low and in turn their flowering will be more prolific. Peas, depending on their variety, may be ready for harvest in 55-60 days.

The days to maturity for cole crops (broccoli, brussel sprouts and cauliflower) slightly exceeds the approximately 65 days left in this growing season. However, due to their cold hardiness, they are still a good choice for fall planting. A slight touch of frost will only sweeten the flavor of cole crops - especially, brussel sprouts.

Don't let the end of summer signal the end of gardening. There is plenty of time left - so, let's keep it growing.

-Benjamin Chu

## RESIDENT PROFILE

Richard Bernal is a full-time free lance artist who lives and works in the 3800 block of Utah Place. Originally a Chicago native, Richard moved to St. Louis in 1982, settling in the Dogtown neighborhood. He moved to Tower Grove Heights about two years ago because he liked the quality of the homes in our area and because of the proximity to Tower Grove Park.

Richard was initially trained as an auto body repairman but later entered the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts where he studied illustration. Besides his free lance illustration work, Richard has just authored and illustrated a beautiful children's book entitled 'Night Zoo'. Copies of his book are on sale at Brentano's bookstore in the Frontenac Mall. Richard is now working on his second children's book, 'Night

Mothergoose, which will be available in the Spring of 1990. "I read a lot of comic books as a child and I felt that children's picture books were a logical progression for me," Richard said.

Working at home can have its disadvantages and distractions, but with self-discipline Richard says he is able to work seven hours a day, six days a week. "One of the hardest aspects of my work is having to sit for long periods of time," claimed Richard. So, when he isn't working on his illustrations, Richard likes to jog, bicycle and take walks in Tower Grove Park. Many weekends Richard can also be found lending a hand to an elderly neighborhood couple with their yard work.

Richard Bernal - author, illustrator, good neighbor and a resident of Tower Grove Heights.

-Steve Telford





## CONSERVATION DISTRICT CHANGES

If you are a homeowner or landlord in the Tower Grove Heights neighborhood, the condition of your property is not completely a private matter. This neighborhood, like several others in the city, has the status of a Housing Conservation District, established by ordinance. The city council established the districts to enforce minimum guidelines governing the compliance of properties with the basics of the building codes. The ordinance requires issuance of a Certificate of Inspection when selling a home or renting or leasing any dwelling unit.

This summer, the Board of Aldermen restated their confidence in the effectiveness of the conservation districts by toughening certain conservation guidelines. The new guidelines shorten the period that owners have to secure inspections of rental dwelling when a change of tenants or owner occurs. The period was 60 days and has been revised to 37 days. The new bill also reduces the period of time in which owners must correct deficiencies before an Occupancy Permit is granted, and it allows the city to begin

condemnation proceedings on properties whose owners do not comply with inspection guidelines.

Vince Sabella, from the Housing Conservation Inspection Section, says the guidelines deal essentially with safety features of the code, such as broken windows, improper handrails, faulty wiring, inoperative plumbing fixtures, etc. He explains that the purpose of the Conservation Districts is to preserve safe, quality housing in the city of St. Louis.

Some homeowners are surprised by the inspection requirements, and there has been aldermanic opposition to the Conservation District concept.

The Board of Aldermen, however, are on the whole satisfied with the Districts and are confident that the continuation of inspections will help assure the continuation of quality neighborhoods in the city.

For more information about the Conservation Districts and their guidelines, residents may phone the Housing Conservation District Section during normal working hours at 622-3352.

*-Tim Barker*

## CLASSIFIEDS

The classifieds are open to all TGH residents at a cost of \$1.25 for 2 lines, \$.50 for every line thereafter. If you would like to place a classified call Janice 776-5780 or Tom 776-6270.

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## FROM THE CAPITOL

Obtaining proper insurance, Medicare or otherwise, is difficult if someone isn't aware of all details. To make this process easier and to protect the elderly consumer, the General Assembly adopted HB 615 last spring.

Based on a recently adopted federal Catastrophic Health Act, one change revises current regulation of supplemental insurance policies. The changes were made to keep seniors from being pushed into buying unneeded insurance.

Some changes include: authorizing the director of the Div. of Insurance to set minimum standards for terms, benefits, and loss ratios of such policies; requiring benefits to be reasonable in relation to premiums charged; and allowing a purchaser to return a policy without cost within 30 days of its issuance.

Another important measure was SB 203 relating to Missouri's compliance with federal mandates on nursing home care and expansion of the Medicaid program. Nursing homes which violate state/federal requirements for care will be fined.

The new law revises statutes on Medicaid eligibility and services. **IMPORTANT : APPLICANT'S HOUSE WON'T BE USED IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY ANYMORE.**

Unfortunately the Governor vetoed HB 171, it would have created a Medicaid Commission on nursing home applications for reimbursement rates and a committee to check mismanagement of Medicaid funds and settlement of Medicaid lawsuits. The measure would have allowed up to 100% Medicaid reimbursement for personal care service.

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Despite some strong breezes, thunder, and the sky turning darker as time progressed, we were blessed with great weather. The temperature was moderate, and the sun shone for the majority of the time.

For the sports-minded, a volleyball net was stretched across the street between two trees. From the looks of things, there was no serious score-keeping going on, but the kids (and a few adults) enjoyed hitting the ball back and forth. The opportunity to be out in the middle of the street was too much for the younger set--skateboards, bicycles, and big wheels were abundant.

One of Tower Grove Heights' residents showed his skill at juggling, which captured the attention of adults and children alike. Another resident attempted to learn how to--thank goodness the items to be juggled didn't

weigh very much--no casualties!

Whoever may have come to the party hungry certainly couldn't have left that way! Hot dogs, chicken wings, a wide variety of salads and side dishes, desserts, and watermelon were there for the taking. We all found out that there are some great cooks who live in the 3800 block of Connecticut. One of our more adventurous attendees arranged to provide a Domino's pizza-- which was gone in about 30 seconds!

We heard a real variety of music over outdoor speakers throughout the party. Some of the more memorable sounds were polkas and the Duck Dance. I'm told that this is a popular German dance where people imitate ducks, but there were no willing participants when volunteers were requested. Plenty of rock and pop music was heard, too.

There may have been one very unhappy "attendee". An itinerant cable TV salesman was seen knocking on door after door peddling his services. Even after numerous partygoers told him no one would be home, he continued to visit house after house. Some people never learn!

*-Judy Johnson*

## THE ART OF TIE-DYE

On June 10, 1986, Jim Nitsch made the decision he had always desired--to go into business for himself. After studying business and art at Mizzou, traveling the country for a year, and working for a few years, MMOQ was formed. Multi-Median Observations of Quality fulfilled Jim's attraction to the arts and creating, but didn't force him to be tied to one field.

For three years, Jim built a reputation with his tie-dye shirts by selling them to wholesalers. His items are sold throughout the country. On June 1, 1989, Jim Nitsch, along with Tina Farmer, brought his ambitions to Tower Grove Heights with the opening of The MMOQuery at 3804 Wyoming.

"I consider MMOQ to be my piece of artwork, an extension of me," says Jim. The MMOQuery is a gallery of art promoting the different ideas of local artists. Jim states that "art is an attitude, not a product." Photography, pottery, sculpture, paintings, neons, and jewelry, some made by Tina, are all on consignment in The MMOQuery.

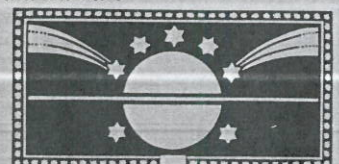
As an artist of tie-dye, Jim has created unique designs in his work. Not only are t-shirts available, but shorts, skirts, towels, and even socks can be found.

In addition to their other artwork, Jim and Tina both juggle. As part of the St. Louis Jugglers Association, they meet every Sunday afternoon in Tower Grove Park. The jugglers perform, free of charge, for the many visitors to the park.

Since opening The MMOQuery, business has increased. MMOQ's desire is to switch the focus from t-shirts to the other forms of artwork. Jim and Tina's next goal is to open The MMOQuery as a gallery in a cafe environment. An opportunity exists for them to purchase a building in the Fox Park area where they hope their goals will become become a reality.

Current business hours are 12 - 8pm Tuesday through Saturday and 12 - 6pm on Sunday. The MMOQuery's phone number is 868-1969.

*-Paul Lazzari*



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# NEWS & NOTES

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## Homecoming

The Holy Family Parish Homecoming will be held from noon to 10pm Saturday, September 16, on the parish grounds at 4137 Humphrey.

The festivities will begin at McDonald Park with a kick-off parade which will wind through the parish. Activities will include a social and booths featuring games, groceries, and handmade items.

Entertainment will include Merry Mixers Square Dancers (2 - 3pm), Grace

Dierkes Dancers (4 - 5pm), Freddie White Review (6 - 10pm), with D.J. music throughout the day.

Dinners include 3 vegetables, beverage, cake, and choice of fried chicken, roast beef, or corned beef and cabbage. Adult prices are \$5.00 and children are \$2.50. dinners will be served from 1 - 7pm. Sandwiches and snacks will also be available throughout the day.

-Bev Dougherty

## 36-3700 Hartford Block Party



Watersports were the theme for the 3600-3700 Hartford block party on June 16th. We started with a parade of bikes, big wheels, and wagons. There were wading pools and water sprinklers for the kids, and water pistols for everyone else. The smaller kids did foot painting and a duck walk. All of the kids really enjoyed having the entire street to ride on and rode up and back all day long. A truly amazing new version of water polo using a volleyball net, water balloons, badminton rackets, and washtubs of water was a new addition this year. The pot luck dinner had a great selection of tasty food and the handmade ice cream was a hit as always.

-Mike Kriz

## Sellers Beware

If you feel pressured by someone offering to buy or list your property, play it safe. Don't sign or agree to anything until you feel comfortable with what you're doing. Reputable realtors don't need to use "tactics" and will work hard to properly assess what you're selling. Offers to buy for cash or other quick terms are acceptable ONLY if the buyer estimates the value of your property fairly.

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association works closely with realtors in our area and can recommend salespeople who are aware of current prices in our neighborhood.

-Rich Iezzi

## The Art of City Living

Tower Grove Heights salutes its neighborhood artists with an exhibit of selected works by resident artists.

A champagne reception with the artists to benefit the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 7 - 10pm at 3724 Utah. Donations are \$7 per person or \$10 per couple. The exhibit will be open on Sunday, November 5 between 1 - 5pm.

Look for more details in the next issue of the Gazette.



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# RECYCLING EFFORTS GROW

In the last issue of the Tower Grove Heights Gazette, you read about the efforts of two local youths, Matt Williams and Dan Waeltermann, to start a recycling effort in our area. We thought it would be a good idea to talk to them again and see how their efforts have progressed.

With an initial pickup circuit of five houses, Matt Williams says neighborhood involvement has been slow, but steady. After the first circular he and Dan distributed to the houses on his block, five more of his neighbors joined the effort.

Following the publication of the Gazette's story, the group had grown to fifteen, "and it kept growing and growing", Matt said. "Before that article came out I met everybody face-to-face. I got a couple of laughs here and there...people that didn't want to do it. Then all of a sudden they're doing it."

There was an article in the Southside Journal on July 26 about Matt and Dan's recycling project, and the added exposure has led to some additional interest. Matt has had calls from residents of Connecticut, Humphrey, and a woman in the Magnolia area north of

Tower Grove Park.

At the present time, Matt's and Dan's fathers use their trucks for the pickups, but with the growing interest in the recycling program, Matt feels that volunteer help is needed. Making twenty five pickups on his block every week can be time consuming, especially when it's necessary to sort out the material. It's important that it be divided into separate groups of newspaper, glass, plastic, and aluminum. All of the items

should be washed, and aluminum cans should be placed in plastic bags to prevent leaking.

"I'd really love to see this recycling expand," Matt says, and has gotten calls from the far southwest part of the city; but he realizes that he has to limit his efforts to his immediate area.

Those interested in becoming part of the recycling effort are encouraged to call Matt at 664-1061 or contact your block captain.

-Tom Booth

## SUMMERFEST

On June 24, the Summerfest and Antique Car Show was held on Grand South Grand. By 9am several members of the Tower Grove Heights Gazette were busy setting up their booth in the parking lot of Savings of America.

The day had dawned hot and steamy. The atmosphere was further warmed with the flaming coals and the grilling of bratwurst. Hundreds of passersby were wide-eyed with awe at the splendor of Grand South Grand - its many shops, restaurants, and friendly people.

Appetites were sated by not only the bratwurst available from the TGHNA;

but by the many restaurants that dot Grand. While viewing the antique cars, visitors were able to enjoy a variety of street entertainment.

The TGHNA booth shut down late that hot afternoon, all agreeing that the day was a success. \$200 was raised that day for the printing expenses of the Tower Grove Heights Gazette. Many thanks go the Gazette volunteers who helped to man the booth that day and the support received from the area residents, the Grand Business District, and Step Up St. Louis.

-Cindy Lazzari

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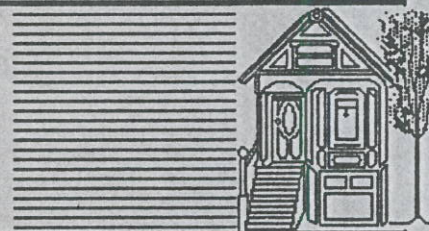
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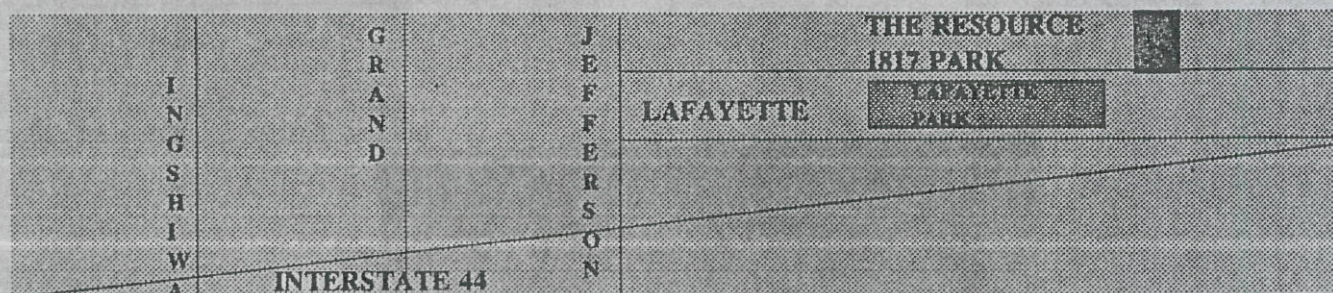
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# CALENDAR

## August 26 - September 4

15th Annual Japanese Festival at Missouri Botanical Garden. "East Meets West" is the theme of this year's event.

## August 31

Summer reading program wrap-up party at Carpenter Branch Library from 6:30pm - 8pm

## September

Exhibit on Pioneer Life in Missouri will be on display at the Carpenter Branch Library. Sponsored by the Grand Marquette Arts Association

## September 1

Children's Day at Japanese Festival at Missouri Botanical Garden featuring storytelling, folkdances, and magic. Other events include Origami (paper folding), Gytaku (fish printing), and paper doll making

## September 5

Fall session classes begin at South Side YMCA

## September 9 - October 10

Brazilian Art Show at Missouri Botanical Garden featuring 40 primitive paintings by eight masters

## September 10

Connecticut clean-up blitz beginning at 2pm

## September 12

GED classes begin at Carpenter Branch Library from 9am - 12noon every Tuesday

## September 13

Tower Grove South Housing Corporation will sponsor a meeting at Holy Family Church at 7:30pm for the entire area

## September 16

Holy Family Homecoming from 12noon - 10pm

## September 18

Great Books discussion at Carpenter Branch Library at 7pm on Oedipus, The King

## September 19

Fall bulb sale at Missouri Botanical Garden

## September 21

Michael Capps from the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial will conduct a program on National Hispanic Heritage Days at Carpenter Branch Library at 7pm

## September 23 - September 24

Dahlia Society Show at Missouri Botanical Garden

## September 28

"The Sun Shines Brightly on my Old House" a lecture on Greek architecture will be presented at the Carpenter Branch Library at 7pm

## October 1

Humphrey clean-up blitz beginning at 2pm

## October 15

TGHNA regular meeting at St. John's Episcopal Church

## Other

Thomas Dunn Memorial Classes begin in October at Carpenter Branch Library. Some of the topics will be self-esteem, revitalization, and a seminar on superwomen. Call for details

Missouri Botanical Garden is offering a variety of classes through September and October. Some being offered are: Lawn care, Chinese Brush Painting, Herbs: Indoor Culture and Uses, The Greenhouse Effect, and Winterizing Your Roses

*-compiled by Cindy Lazzari*

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