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The New TGHNA President Wants YOU to Get Involved!

By Ellen Wilson

John Papa is the new TGHNA president, and now that he and his wife Patricia Edwards have settled into their house in the 3800 block of Utah, he is ready to find out what issues the neighbors are interested in addressing. John, a personal injury lawyer, wants to get more of the neighborhood involved with neighborhood events, and thinks a good place to start is the monthly neighborhood meeting. He believes the ideas are going to come from the people in the neighborhood who voice their thoughts at the meetings.

John and Pat, a professional chef and avid bike rider, moved to the neighborhood in May of 2004, initially

into a different house. They found their first TGH property by going to open houses. They initially started looking on the other side of TG Park, but a realtor steered them south. They bought the first house she showed them here. After several months they went to an open house for a different house on Utah and found they liked that one better. They told their realtor they would buy the bigger house if she could sell their current house. They found a for sale sign in the yard later that day. After only a few months they were moving again.

Both John and Pat have lived in the St. Louis area most of their lives. He spent 40 years in Madison, IL before moving to Creve Coeur. She

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TGHNA To Hold Trivia Night

By Allison E. Bruns

Mark your calendars and grab some friends, the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association is holding their annual Trivia Night on March 11. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., and festivities begin at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Academy, located at 3401 Arsenal Street. Parking is available from the Louisiana Street entrance.

Some snacks are provided, but neighbors and friends are encouraged

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New TGHNA president John Papa and wife Patricia Edwards.

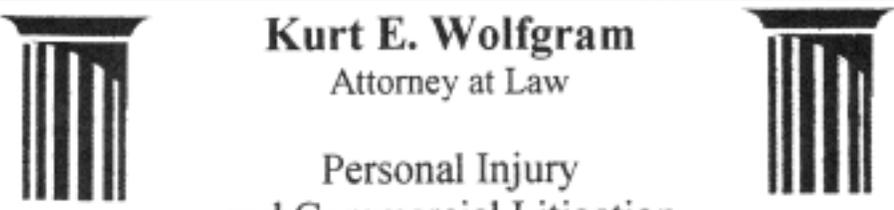


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to bring their own snacks and beverages for a night of fun-filled trivia. Soda, beer and bottled water are available for purchase. Entry tickets entitle the holder to one free soda or water.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three winning tables. Tables of eight cost \$80 and all profits benefit the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association. To register, or for more information, contact Gary Kushinsky at trivia-night-info@towergroveheights.com, or call 314.865.2411. More information is available at www.TowerGroveHeights.com.

Generosity of the Neighbors

By Ellen Wilson

Last December was the second year the TGH neighborhood participated in the 100 Neediest Cases program, and once again we showed amazing compassion and generosity. We helped two families have a wonderful holiday season with necessities as well as nice gifts and toys.

This year the neighbors (and one outside the neighborhood) donated \$900 dollars in cash and piles of gifts. One family with two young sons received a desperately-

needed warm winter coat for the single mother, as well as an entertainment basket fully stocked for a family night at home with movies and treats. The boys are Spiderman fans, and were given everything from action figures to Spiderman sleeping bags. The kids also got clothes, books, and games to make their holiday fun.

The other family was all female, each receiving gifts ranging in age and purpose. The great-grandmother of the group received a warm bathrobe; the grandmother received a

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Trivia Night

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Rehabbing with Rich: *Rooming House Reincarnation*

By Rich Iezzi

Kurt Cummiskey's project at the northwest corner of Spring and Connecticut is about as close to the geographic center of Tower Grove Heights as you can get. Long-time residents remember this property as 'the rooming house', and before that word on the street has it that the building was an A&P grocery.

We've all watched this corner spiral down over the past 20 years from bad to worse including the yellow vertical vinyl siding nailed over the lower display windows. But this building wasn't done living yet.

Kurt and his wife Vicky bought their house in the 3800 block of Connecticut in 2000. His law practice was in Laclede's Landing before it was moved closer to home. Actually, it ended up on his dining room table. One day Kurt noticed a small "For Sale" sign in a window of the rooming house. A tenant had posted it for unknown reasons, but the connection had been made. Kurt started thinking about locating his law office to this site.

The building may not look big, but it's become an enormous project. Last summer a large part of the rear brick wall was rebuilt, and Kurt repeatedly pointed to work being done that wasn't in the budget. Even his engineer initially asked him if it was too late to back out.

The property originally had nine rental rooms upstairs with the first floor buried in junk. Now the first floor is a maze of dry walled rooms that will become four offices featuring 12-foot high tin ceilings and decorative cast iron support columns. Each level has about 2400 square feet, and as the project developed, a new idea emerged for the second floor. Make it living space. Better yet, how about selling the

Connecticut house and living right over the office. TGH residents might remember Jim and Faye living over their small store on the northeast corner of Spring and Connecticut. These grand old buildings enable us to return to previously successful ideas.

It took me awhile to shake the rooming house image but seeing the second floor changed everything. Not only will there be a gourmet kitchen and multiple bathrooms but a place has been carved out for a future sauna. There are still pocket doors and oak mantles from the original upstairs master bedroom and this original configuration will be kept. There's a blend of old and new, accenting original features while taking advantage of today's materials. Kurt stood next to a mountain of flooring that he proudly announced he'd be laying himself. Like a lot of the early TGH pioneers, Kurt and his wife lived with rehab in their Connecticut house, and making dirt somewhere else seemed appealing.

Kurt smiled the whole time we spoke, even when I asked how he could be the project's general contractor while continuing his law practice. "Don't tell my clients" was his answer. His deadline is a bit late (June 2005) but he's hopeful of a 3/31/06 completion. Always thinking, he realizes that the sale of his Connecticut house will



Photography by Mychael Wozniak

be helped by any curb appeal added to his new law office building.

As for me, I'm worried. Some still refer to Phil Duckwall's manse on Arsenal as the 'Broom Factory House' years after the conversion. Kurt might have to endure the 'Rooming House' name for a while, but that sure beats working on the dining room table.



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grew up in St. Louis, and after attending culinary school in New York, returned and moved to Maplewood. In between walking the perimeter of Tower Grove Park and frequenting Café Madeleine's on Sundays, both John and Pat find their new neighborhood fabulous.

When the outgoing TGHNA president nominated Pat to be the next president she declined, but volunteered her husband. This taught him a quick lesson about not being around when his wife is discussing volunteer work.

His first neighborhood association meeting as president was in January, and John feels it was fun and went well. John was gratified with the large turnout which almost exhausted the supply of chairs. John has noticed during his attendance of association meetings that many of the residents that attend live on Utah. He would like to encourage residents from the "northern" section of the neighborhood to attend the meetings, get involved with the events sponsored by the Association, and to identify what issues are important to them. He feels the residents who have been in the neighborhood for a long time can offer a particularly important viewpoint on the issues we now face, and would be a great help in solving them. He would like to find a way to get the kids of the neighborhood more involved by creating an event in the park that the neighborhood kids can have fun with. John feels that there needs to be all different types of people contributing to get all different types of ideas.

As TGHNA president, John is very conscious of the parking issues due to the commercial district on Grand. He is concerned about the neighbors who live close to that area and the additional problems they have with parking and noise. He notes that on a busy night it can be hard for the residents to find a place



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to park as people come from all over the city to our neighborhood. John recognizes that trying to solve the parking problem is a topic that comes up at each meeting, and needs to be addressed. Gaining access to the existing paved parking spaces on the east side of Grand to make them available and more useful would go a long way to solving the parking prob-

lem along Grand. In addition to parking, the noise level from fast driving cars and late night crowds are also an issue that John is aware of and concerned about.

So come to the next meeting, meet the new president of the TGHNA, and let him know what issues are important to you.

Resident Profile: Ellina Graypel

By Walt Crocker

The area along South Grand has become a rich mix of cultures featuring many ethnic groups from Asia and Europe. One resident, who lives on Connecticut, is award-winning Russian singer/songwriter Ellina Graypel.

Ellina was born near the Volga River in the heart of Russia, and spent most of her youth growing up on a military base near Belarus in the former Soviet Union. The military base was underground and literally right next door to a huge cache of atomic weapons!

Ellina remembers the scary hour-long drive to school inside an army truck with no windows when she was just a small child. The soldiers would sing songs to the children to make the ride a little less scary. She found her brother's old guitar when she was fifteen years old, and taught herself how to play. She also wrote her very first song. She remembers encountering a gypsy caravan in the forest outside of her town and hiding behind a tree, listening to them play and trying to accompany them on her guitar. She was discovered by one of the old gypsy men who told her that her playing was terrible, and threw away her guitar pick. He showed her how to play, and that's when her interest in the guitar began in earnest.

By the time she was 16, her family had moved to Minsk, a city of some three million people. She wrote her first book of children's poetry then. Soon thereafter she was a teen celebrity in the USSR with her own TV show. She was writing poetry, plays, stories, and lots and lots of songs. One of the songs that she wrote for the documentary "Way to God" won a Grand Prix award at Yalta.

In 1993 she moved to the United States, and lived in St. Louis until 2000. In 2000 she moved to New York City, where she performed at various clubs and Off Broadway. She moved back to St. Louis in 2005. While in St. Louis she has performed all over the

place, making appearances at the Pageant, The Sheldon, and Blueberry Hill among others. I caught up with Ellina a short time ago at Mokabe's.

WC: What genre of music do you play?

Ellina: Some have described it as folk. But it's really about telling stories—stories about how you feel, your observations about life, and your experiences. You can be inspired by the wind or a conversation you have in a coffee shop, like I'm having with you now. You can't really describe what you do best, you just do it and hope people will notice. Over the years you realize that's what you do, have to do, are meant to do.

WC: You certainly seem to have a lot of fun up on stage telling stories and performing your music.

Ellina: I guess you could say that it comes naturally for me.

WC: You've done four albums so far and I understand your next work is going to be for children?

Ellina: Yes, we have about three of the songs finished. I haven't settled on a title yet, but we're going to concentrate on hamsters and penguins: "Waltzing Hamsters" and "The Penguin Song." There is also a song dedicated to my cat: "Ears and Nose, Fur and Tail."



WC: So what made you decide to do a children's album?

Ellina: Well, I hosted two children's television shows in Russia and wrote a book of children's stories. After a long time of writing music and songs for adults, doing the album for children has been a lot of fun. In my heart I'm still a child. I think everybody is.

Ellina's albums include "London's Rain," "New Born Light," "Suite Sixteen," and "Folk Phantoms." She has played individually and with different groups all over the world. She is planning a series of concerts around the St. Louis area in the upcoming months. You can request more information or contact her at whiteproductions@yahoo.com.

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Playground Wars

By Amanda Stiebel

My toddler son loves the playground. We live a block and a half away, perfect walking distance for his chubby little legs. No matter what the weather, it sure beats putting my newly-independent little man into his hated car seat and driving him somewhere! The park is a perfect block with a pavilion and an extensive playground (five slides!) in the middle of well-maintained trees and lawn. Sometimes there are broken bottles or food wrappers, but those are quickly taken care of by retirees in the neighborhood who take it upon themselves to walk the park with trash bags every morning. On the way we always see our neighbor who is recovering from a long illness. He shouts hellos to all in the neighborhood walking or driving by. Cai likes to wave at him from behind my leg.

Often when we walk up there the playground is deserted; during the day our neighbors are at work or school, and little Cai has the place all to himself. Sometimes we bring the dog if we know there won't be anyone else there—she climbs right up after her boy, and will jump off willy-nilly after he goes down the slide (only to climb right back up after him, of course). But sometimes we go after school or on the

weekends, when the “big kids” are there. Cai loves staring at the elementary school kids running amok: Dante can do flips off of the swings; Chanell likes to climb to the top of the playground from the bottom of the slides. They are all very respectful of his toddler pace. They wait, or go around. Dante and D' Angelo even showed Cai how to go down the curvy slide all by himself, heaving his clumsy body up ladders and around other kids so that he could get to the very top where that slide waited.

Last week I walked my son to the park after the busses had dropped the kids off for the day. We would have gone earlier, but an attack of the temper tantrums delayed our trip until after the neighborhood kids had already descended. As we approached I realized that all of the bigger boys were playing war. Up and down the slides, through the swings, over the jungle gym, boys twice and three times the

size of Cai stormed carrying thick branches for guns. I hovered protectively as the boys veered away from his eager little person as he ran towards the melee. As they shot their woody bazookas and AK-47s they accompanied the shots with appropriate firing noises, then the targets collapsed in Oscar-winning deaths. My innocent little baby went running after them as they stormed the pavilion/enemy fortress. It took me just a second to realize that my generally silent boy was mimicking their machine-gun noises as he ran, trying to be part of the game.

My first instinct was terror: my little baby! He'll be trampled! He

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Absolutli a Great Time

By Allison Bruns

Residents of the Tower Grove Heights area have an award-winning martini bar a short walk—or stumble—away. Absolutli Goosed has been a popular destination on South Grand since it was opened by co-owners Melissa Spear and Deb Ransom in 2002.

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House Tour Promises to be “Grand Again”

By Gary Kushinsky

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The Tour serves many functions for our community: it showcases our beautiful park, homes, and gardens during the best time of the year to see them; it ties together five beautiful but distinct neighborhoods; the volunteers who work on this project get to know each other better and enjoy the benefits of working as a team to better our neighborhood; and it functions as a fund-raiser for neighborhood projects. This year, the Tour profits have been designated to replace the Grand South Grand cross-street name signs with attractive markers, not unlike those you see along South Grand north of I-44 in the SLU neighborhood.

Also, the weekend of the Tour is the only time that the South Grand Water Tower is open to the public. (This is a ticketed option that is not part of the GSG Home Tour itself.)

Five neighborhoods join in this showcase: Compton Heights, Compton Reservoir, Shaw, Tower Grove East, and Tower Grove Heights. Visitors who go from neighborhood to neighborhood either on the tour busses or on their own are also treated to Tower Grove Park at its best, with spring flowers in full bloom.

Our “headquarters” for parking and ticket purchase will be the Commerce Bank building and parking lot on South Grand. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event or in advance at Botanicals on the Park, Gringo Jones, and the Missouri Botanical Garden gift shop.

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teers! Every home is staffed with a greeter and several volunteers who perform light duty in helping direct traffic. Home volunteers are not required to answer any questions or do anything hard at all, yet a three hour shift as a volunteer is all you need to do to get a free ticket to the entire show. This is yet another way to spend

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By Joe Cordeal

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3. This word starts with a "T." It is an object that carries a flame.
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5. This word starts with an "F." It is the number of rings in the Olympics flag.
6. This word starts with an "M." It is an award given to the top three people in each event in the Olympics.
7. This word starts with a "G." It is a precious metal. The top athlete in each event receives an object

- coated with this metal.
8. This word starts with an "S." It is a valuable metal. The second-best athlete in each event receives an object coated with this metal.
9. This word starts with a "B." It is a metal alloy (a mixture of other metals). The third-best athlete in each event receives an object coated with this metal.
10. This word starts with a "I." In the Winter Olympic games, you'll see figure skaters and hockey skaters wearing these on their feet.

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shouldn't see guns! I should take him away! He can't grow up! He shouldn't play war! We'll never come to the playground again!

Just then, my son's favorite "big boy" friend fell to mortar fire a few feet away. D'Angelo's death scene was impressive, and my son ran to him whimpering, not understanding the play. D'Angelo got up on his knees and

showed Cai that he was actually living—and then gently handed my son his branch, so that he could see it was just pretend. My son looked closely at it, then touched D'Angelo's hand and pointed at the slides. D'Angelo set his stick down and put Cai up on the ladder before waving and heading back into the war zone, which had moved into the trees.

I flashed back almost twenty years to another South City play-

ground: three sisters and a brother, all bearing downed limbs, run madly around a wooden fort in the center of a park. All four make destruction noises as they trample any peace the neighbors had left. Twenty years later I watch my son doing what my brother and sisters and I did, and I relax. We grew up fine. Nobody died, nobody trampled neighborhood toddlers, and none of us grew up to be warmongers. We just grew up—and so will my son, whether I want him to or not.



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What is IAALM?

And What Are They Doing in Tower Grove Heights?

By Tricia Heliker

The Institute of American Acupuncture & Life Medicine (IAALM) is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) education and service organization founded in St. Louis in 2002. It has been founded for the expressed purposes of:

1. Providing the highest quality of acupuncture and other aspects of traditional oriental medicine to the underserved and unserved members of our society.

2. Educating consumers and health providers through the wisdom and knowledge of the ancient Far East health care systems.

As a long-time recipient of acupuncture, I can testify to the positive changes it has brought to my health and well-being. Those of you who know me have heard me expound on the subject many times, so instead I am choosing to present you with "just the facts."

The IAALM opened its first Center for Community Health in Creve Coeur in 2002, and has provided over

1000 treatments to hundreds of people unable to access professional acupuncture health care. In 2004 IAALM began providing services to the residents of South City through La Clinica on Fairview, and last summer opened its own clinic at 3735 Connecticut (NE corner of Spring).

This medicine addresses back, neck, and shoulder pain; allergies; chronic fatigue; arthritis; cardiovascular issues; reproductive issues; stress; digestive problems; addictions; sleep disorders; skin problems; anxiety and many other conditions. In addition to the clinical services IAALM has provided since its arrival in South City, the Institute has conducted nutrition, stress management and well-baby clinics and workshops.

Additional talks and seminars will be conducted this spring and summer. For example, a workshop planned for March 4th and 5th is Hands Healing Spirit, a fifteen hour Oriental bodywork workshop for Licensed Acupuncture Practitioners, other health care professionals, and massage

therapists. Call the number listed at the end for a complete list of talks and seminars.

While IAALM is in existence to serve those who are not served, people will not be turned away because of their ability to pay. IAALM accepts all peoples. Fees are based on a sliding scale determined by appropriate documentation, such as a tax return.

SCHEDULE

South City Center for Community Health

Tuesday:

8:00 - 8:20 a.m. Kototama Sound Meditation

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Natural Life Medicine

Thomas Duckworth DKM, L.Ac.

Wednesday:

2:00-5:30 p.m. Natural Life Medicine

9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Volunteer licensed acupuncturists

Friday: (Last Friday of Month)

8:00-8:20 a.m. Kototama Sound Meditation

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:00 -5:30 p.m. Natural Life Medicine

Jason Hackler, L.Ac.

Saturday: once a month clinic 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Begins Feb. 21. (March, April etc. TBA)

Kototama Sound Meditation practice is open to the public. No fee; no scheduling; walk-ins encouraged. Clinic is by appointment; walk-ins may be seen the same day.

For information and scheduling, please call the Institute of American Acupuncture & Life Medicine at (314) 991-6044 or check out their website at www.IAALM.org.

We are fortunate to have IAALM open their doors in our neighborhood.



Answers for Kids' Corner:

10. iceskates
1. Greece; 2. athlete; 3. torch; 4. stadium; 5. Five; 6. medal; 7. gold; 8. silver; 9. bronze;

As Spring Approaches

By Lisa Roggeman

Is it just me or is there a distinct air of “Springness” around? I’m waking up to lighter mornings, warmer days, and am I dreaming, or did I see something green growing lately?

I’m not an avid gardener, nor do I claim to know anything about plants, flowers, shrubs, or trees, but even those round, spiky-looking, hanging ball-things that are on some of the trees in the area are looking less ominous, and aren’t as indestructible as they were at the beginning of the season. Hooray, less sprained ankles all around!

After moving here from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina hit, we lived with some friends in the Tower Grove Heights area. In November we found ourselves a place of our own in the area, which we love, and it now feels like home. Slowly but surely we’re starting to pick up our lives and put them back together again. It is by

no means a quick process, and we’re still dealing with a lot of unfinished business like insurance, immigration, schooling, and employment.

One thing we have decided to do is become involved in the monthly neighborhood meetings. The first meeting of the year was held on

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Prepare Your Garden Now for a Season of Bountiful Blooms

By Peggy Hoelting

Spring and Summer will be here before we know it. Our gardens will be bursting with blooms. March is a great time to give your plants a head start. With the right ingredients and a little good-old-fashioned hard work, you can prepare your plants for the busy season ahead.

Plants thrive in soil that is loose, where their roots can easily spread out. This soil has lots of organic matter in it. To get your soil loose and lush, you will probably need to add a soil amendment such as compost. Compost is great as it is organic, and releases nutrients into the soil slowly as it decomposes.

You used to have to make your own compost, but now you can buy it at your local nursery. My favorite is Cotton Burr Compost. It has an amazing ability to loosen tight, clay soils and improve moisture retention. Plants that get the right soil have lots of root growth. And you know what that means...more roots = more flowers!



Pansies blooming already on 3700 Block of Juniata! Photography by Mychael Wozniak.

The amount you use depends on the condition of your soil. If your soil is so hard you could make bricks out of it, (and for some of us, they actually used to make bricks out of the soil in our backyards), load it in; you can’t use too much. Six inches for needy soil is about right. In an existing bed, lightly work in 2-3 inches around your plants; let the worms do the rest. Be sure to wait until the ground has dried out a bit before you get started. Working soil that is too wet causes compaction and damages the soil’s structure.

Another favor you can do for your plants in March, is to give them a shot of Superphosphate. Phosphate is the ingredient in fertilizer that helps the plant form a good root system. By giving them a dose of Super or Triple Phosphate in March, your plants can do a little root work before they get busy developing leaves and producing flowers. And as we know...plants with bigger, better root systems have bigger,

better blossoms.

So give your plants a special favor this year with a dose of Cotton Burr Compost and Superphosphate, and watch as they give back to you all summer long.

Peggy Hoelting and her husband Jeff Barnard have lived in Tower Grove South for seven years. Peggy will be the Manager at Sugar Creek Gardens in Kirkwood for Spring 2006. Peggy invites everyone to bring your gardening questions to her at Sugar Creek. Find out about free gardening classes, gardening tips, and free plants at www.sugarcreekgardens.com.

Join the Tower Grove Garden Club! Meet your neighbors, find out what is going on in the hood, and, oh yeah, talk about gardening. We get together once a month at the home of one of our members. Our next get together is Thursday Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Peggy at 314-616-5142 or pegalicious@netzero.com.

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Tuesday, January 24, and there was an excellent turn-out. There was a presentation from M.S.D. (Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer Division) regarding the upgrade of the sewerage system, and lots of feedback regarding what will be happening in the area. Also, crime is down – hooray!

There was a reminder not to leave valuables in your cars, but to take them out or lock them in the trunk of your car. Try and leave your porch light on at night to deter the “bad guys” who may wander around at night. The officer assured us that they do regular patrols at night in our area. I can vouch for that. During a batch of insomnia I spotted the police a couple of times on their patrols. We were also encouraged to call 911 if we suspect anything suspicious going on in our neighborhood.

There was also mention of the area on South Grand from Arsenal to Utah being upgraded to be made more pedestrian-friendly. New traffic light signals with auditory beeping for the blind and visually-impaired folks in our area are also being considered.

Spring is also a great opportunity for us to clean up our sidewalks and roads. We are proud of our area, so let's allow it to show through in the way we look after the streets. Don't forget about the alleys, too. The messier it looks, the greater the chance of the “bad guys” being able to hide in it.

Now, can anyone tell me why on earth the fire hydrants are painted black?

Then the magical part happened. Many residents and families joined in the lighting and witnessed the beauty of the evening.

Thank you to everyone for making this TGH event a memorable one. Next luminary night: December 17, 2006: Bigger and better! – Events Committee.

**Recapping Luminary
Night 2005**

By Gary Kushinsky

What a beautiful evening for such a memorable event. We filled and staged over 1400 bags between Arsenal and McDonald on Spring and from

Grand to Gustine on Utah Place. Thanks to the Street Dept., we had parking concessions along Utah to further highlight the view. And our Police squad increased our security with added surveillance. We had over a dozen people helping to fill bags with sand and candles and put them in place.

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If you've fallen victim to reality TV, one of the countless renovating or flipping series may have peaked your interest promising a profitable return on investment. But is it as easy as it looks – purchase a fixer-upper, devote thousands of your own cash, then place it on the volatile real estate market? As you decide to invest in real estate, consider your personal risk level. Similar to the stock market, greater opportunity is accompanied by greater risk; however, you can alleviate some of this risk with these simple steps:

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2. Know the vacancy rates and average rent for comparable units
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4. Keep rentals in driving distance
5. Study the competition
6. Do not be under-insured
7. Use the rule of 75% – 75% of rental income covers the mortgage, tax, and insurance, leaving 25% for profit and unexpected costs

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What is Yoga?

By Kathryn Heitzenroeder

Yoga is the union of mind and body. A yoga class is divided by meditation, asanas (the practice of physical postures designed to purify the body and provide strength), and pranayama (breath work).

Unlike stretching or other types of fitness, yoga is more than physical postures. Yoga is unique because it connects the movement of the body with the mind and the rhythm of the breath. Connecting the mind, body and breath helps to direct our attention inward. Through this process we learn

to recognize habitual patterns, and become more aware of our experiences from moment to moment. Once awareness is cultivated, it is what makes yoga a practice, rather than a task or a goal.

The only requirement is your body and an open mind. There are many types of yoga, so the more classes you can attend the better. Find the teacher and practice that works best for you. Eat at least 2 hours before attending a class. Many poses can make you feel uncomfortable if your food is not fully digested.

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complete set of new cookware; the youngest mother wanted a small portable CD player. The youngest girls were smothered with clothes, toys, and stacks of books and accessories.

Each family was given \$280 toward their winter utilities as well as almost \$100 in grocery gift certificates. A turkey was given to the family of women. A very large storage container was filled with home supplies including necessities such as bandaids, body and

home cleaners, vitamins, and paper products.

Overall, we helped two families during a difficult time, and allowed young children to enjoy the wonders of a prosperous holiday. Thanks to the TGHNA and all who donated so generously. A special thanks to Penny Long, Pat Weik, and Glenna Powell who helped to wrap and deliver, and to Jan Clinite who organized the donation money.

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Laura Roman: 314-220-8375



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Larry McNamara

Benton Park / 2716 Missouri / \$234,900

Beautiful rehabbed home on a great street. This home offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 42" cabinets, hardwood floors and two decks, one is a roof top deck!!! 2-car off-street parking. What more could you ask for?

Larry McNamara: 314-220-1594



Chuck Jung

Lafayette Square / 1821 Rutger / \$159,900

This Townhome is a great alternative to renting. Features include 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with new carpet throughout the second floor. Exposed brick in the great room, updated kitchen and an expansive deck that gives you a great view of the garden area. Off-street parking for 1 car.

Chuck Jung: 330-2919



Chuck Jung

Lafayette Square / 1202 Missouri / \$189,900

Priced-to-sell home in Historic Lafayette Square just blocks away from the Park, Squires, 1111, Ricardos and much more. The 1st floor features wood floors in the living and dining room with a wood-burning fireplace separating the two. The kitchen is updated, fenced-in yard and off-street parking for 2 cars.

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Tower Grove Park Undergoes Hart Transplant

Material Contributed By Donald Bergmann

Edited by Sara Langan

In the late 1860's English immigrant-businessman-philanthropist Henry Shaw began to develop Tower Grove Park on vacant land outside the city limits. Among other ornaments for his park, Shaw ordered six statues, four of which were placed on columns at the Grand Avenue entrance to the Park, and two stags (also known as harts) were placed on twelve foot limestone pillars just inside the north Tower Grove Ave entrance of the Park.

During a thunderstorm on Sunday, May 24, 2004, a large tree limb fell across the back of the west stag, smashing it. Shaw resident Don Bergmann was on duty at the information table in the Park's Piper Palm House. He was informed of the incident by a group of Red Hat Ladies who were having brunch. One member led him to the scene. The stag's ant-

lered head and about three dozen glittering zinc fragments littered the ground around the column. The lower parts of the body remained atop the column. With the assistance of a Park Ranger, Bergmann placed the fragments in the trunk of his auto and deposited them for safekeeping at the Park office.

A long period of study and discussion followed with people who had worked on other Park statuary, such as the Humboldt and Baron von Steuben statues restored in recent years. It was found that the stags were designed by German sculptor Christian Daniel Rauch, who lived from 1777 to 1857. The stags were originally created for the Grand Duke of Mecklenberg's deerpark at Neustrelitz. Tower Grove Park's copies were cast probably in the late 1860s at the zinc foundry of Johannes Brix in Berlin, and exported to America.

After a search for candidates, Ukrainian immigrant Vlad Zhitomirsky



Photography by Mychael Wozniak

was selected by Park Director John Karel for the repairs and reconstruction of the stags. The other stag, although standing, had suffered from poor prior repairs and also needed attention.

The stags' restoration was honored by a number of press and TV representatives and a special ceremony with the German-American Heritage Society of St. Louis and honorary German consul, Lance Hecker.

Have you renewed your membership! Membership runs **one** calendar year —*JANUARY TO JANUARY*, unless you are a ‘life’ member. The TGHNA is the one thing that best illustrates the Heights’ commitment to community. It is the place where we come together.

- *To find out what is happening in the neighborhood*
- *To make the Heights a cleaner and safer place*
- *To have a liaison with City Hall and other agencies*
- *To make the neighborhood a more interesting and fun place to live*
- *To better protect our property values*

However the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association can only be YOUR association if you join. We need your participation if TGHNA is going to be a reflection of what YOU want the Heights to become. So please don’t delay in joining or rejoining. **Tower Grove Heights NEEDS YOU!**

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 of the giver.*

-Maya Angelou

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Clip & Save Events Reminder

March 5 *Friends of Tower Grove Park 2006 Lecture Series* “Picturesque and Gardenesque: Ideas of Natural Beauty at Tower Grove Park”; Presented by Dr. Carol Grove, Professor of Art History and Archeology at the University of Missouri – Columbia and author of *Henry Shaw’s Victorian Landscapes: The Missouri Botanical Garden and Tower Grove Park*; Stupp Center; 3:00 PM FREE; For info call: 771-4424.

March 11 *Trivia Night*; 7 p.m.; St. Elizabeth’s Academy; See p. 3 for registration information & form.

Neighborhood Association Meetings

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March 28
April 25

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March 18 *Operation Brightside Project Blitz* Call 772-4646 for more info.

April 2 *Friends of Tower Grove Park 2006 Lecture Series* “Arsenic and Feminine Beauty in the Age of Henry Shaw (With a Little Murder on the Side)”; Presented by Dr. Kenneth Winn, Missouri State Archivist in Jefferson City; Stupp Center; 3:00 PM FREE; For info call: 771-4424.

April 4 *St. Louis Symphony Chamber Concert Series*; Piper Palm House; Doors opens at 6 p.m.; 7:00 FREE. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

April 22-23 *Grand Again House Tour* See p. 10 for info.

April 23 *William Shakespeare’s Birthday*; Sponsored by the English Speaking Union; Wreath laying at the statue; For info call: 771-4484.