

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting - October 27, 2015
Convened: 7:15 p.m. Adjourned: 8:10 p.m. 25 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President Kelly Stout

- One couple from 3800 Utah identified themselves as first-time attendees.

Neighborhood business/announcements

- **Autumn Fest 2015:** Preliminary report: 135 attendees; about \$1000 raised.
- **Nextdoor Award:** Tower Grove Heights was recognized as 2015's "Most Generous Neighborhood." Debra Knox Deiermann and Barbara Gilchrist received the award on behalf of the neighborhood at the Nextdoor St. Louis Award ceremony on October 16. The award was determined by the number of posts for giving away items to neighbors. Nextdoor is a social-networking site used to keep residents informed and engaged. www.nextdoor.com
- **Crime Report:** Officer Ed Slade, SLMPD 2nd District liaison, stated that crime was down significantly but was not sure of the reasons.
 - Law enforcement is still looking into the shooting that occurred recently at 4200 Arsenal (near Center Cross). The shooter, Christopher Snead, is being held on a \$100K cash bond. He had been in jail for an earlier gun crime. Officer Slade reported that the victim is grateful for the community support that she has received.
 - Flyers with tips on how to have a safe and Happy Halloween were made available.
 - Officer Slade reported that the Tower Grove and Shaw neighborhoods got hit hard last holiday season by thieves who follow UPS delivery trucks and then steal the packages they leave. He suggested having packages delivered to work or other addresses. An announcement was made that a UPS Access Point has been added to the Avon Store at 3179 S. Grand Blvd. [Customers can designate this location for delivery at no charge. Packages with a pre-printed UPS label can also be dropped off there.]
- **TGHNA Board Election:** Next month, per our bylaws, we will elect next year's board of officers. President Kelly Stout announced the four offices up for election:
 - **President-elect:** Barbara Gilchrist
 - **Treasurer:** Rick Stein (re-election)
 - **Recording Secretary:** Debra Knox Deiermann (re-election)
 - **Membership Secretary:** Tricia Heliker (re-election)
 - Next year's President will be Stephen Gregali who served this year as President-elect and Kelly Stout will be the Past-President.
- An announcement from the floor was made about enhanced (LED) street lighting. In addition to the lights that will be replaced as a result of the participatory budgeting process, the Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens Special Business District (TGSCC SBD) purchased lights at the same time for their area - the alley south of Utah Place, to the centerline of Grand, to the centerline of Gravois to Roger Place (one block west of Gustine). Installation is to begin in November.

Featured Speakers

- **Whitney Sewell, Urban Harvest STL** Sewell described the Food Roof Community Farm located in downtown St. Louis atop a two-story building on 14th and Convention Plaza, just one block north of Washington Avenue, and one block east of City Museum. There are two remaining tour dates left in 2015: October 29 & 31, noon-2 p.m. For more information: www.urbanharveststl.org
- **Laurie Phillips, St. Patrick Center** This 5-story facility is located at 800 N. Tucker 63101 and has a budget of about \$14 million. They receive funds from Catholic Charities and the United Way to provide opportunities to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. They offer specific programs including job training and mental health counseling. In their view, giving money to panhandlers merely enables them to stay on the street. Instead, they encourage guiding homeless panhandlers to their offices for services. www.stpatrickcenter.org

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Knox Deiermann
Secretary, TGHNA