



**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – June 28, 2016**

**Convened: 7:20 p.m. Adjourned: 8:30 p.m. 24 attendees**

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President Stephen Gregali ([president@towergroveheights.com](mailto:president@towergroveheights.com))

- **President – Open meeting and welcome**

- **Call for newcomers**

- No first-time attendees were identified.

- **Neighborhood business/announcements**

- **SLMPD 2<sup>nd</sup> District Liaison Officer, Ed Slade** ([edslade@slmpd.org](mailto:edslade@slmpd.org))

- *Suspects in a robbery during Tower Grove Pride on 6/25 were apprehended.*
- *There have been several burglaries, and robberies in the neighborhood recently. Assaults are also up as are incidents of rifling through parked cars.*
- *A Neighborhood Impact Statement may be needed for a carjacking near LuLu's.*
- *There is a new free phone app available: SLMPD Mobile. Some of its handy links include "Citizens Service Bureau," "Chief's Blog," "Alerts," "Tip Chat," and "Submit a Tip."*
- *A resident asked about Illinois plates on permanent residents' cars which prevents Missouri from getting those monies. Officer Slade encourages residents to report them.*

- **15<sup>th</sup> Ward Aldermanic Report**

- *Aldersperson Megan Green ([megan.ellyia@gmail.com](mailto:megan.ellyia@gmail.com)) reported curb updates on Gustine will begin soon and should take three weeks to complete. This includes flashing and striping at Juniata.*
- *St. Louis Board of Alderman passed a bill to allow speed humps as a traffic calming intervention and a pilot program will be put into place on the first blocks off S. Grand in late fall.*
- *In response to residents' questions:*
  - ✓ *One reason trash and recycling dumpsters are not being picked up might be because of new drivers. When this happens, report it to CSB or to Megan.*
  - ✓ *Alley light outages: Megan stated these should be reported to CSB or to the Neighborhood Specialist, Sharie Taylor. [Correction: CSB says all alley light outages should be reported to Ameren directly at 1-800-522-7583. Note pole number.]*
  - ✓ *The unusual street markings at Hartford and Morgan Ford are from Laclede Gas.*

- **Treasurer 's Report**

- *Rick Stein ([treasurer@towergroveheights.com](mailto:treasurer@towergroveheights.com)) reported TGHNA took in \$1,113.09 which was from Gazette ads, memberships and Amazon Smile contributions. \$5.18 was spent on PayPal commissions.*

- **Block Captain Committee Report**

- *Debra Knox Deiermann ([blockrep@towegroveheights.com](mailto:blockrep@towegroveheights.com)) announced that there was an excellent turn-out for the Real Time Crime Center of SLMPD tour.*
- *National Night Out will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 2. Permits to close streets should be obtained from the NIS, Sharie Taylor ([taylorsh@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:taylorsh@stlouis-mo.gov))*
- *Block Captains are still needed for 3800 Arsenal, 3800 Wyoming, 3600-3700 Connecticut and 3800 Connecticut. Block Captains meet on second Mondays, January-November, at Oak Hill*

Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut at Oak Hill, 6:30 p.m. in the Theoleos Room on the lower level.

- **Featured Speakers**

- **Dan Guenther, Milkweeds for Monarchs Community Liaison, City of St. Louis Mayor's Office**  
**([guentherd@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:guentherd@stlouis-mo.gov))**

- *This program has recently moved from the Sustainability Office in the Mayor's Office to Brightside to make sure it will continue after Mayor Slay leaves office.*
- *We've lost about 90-97% of monarch butterflies which ties to the pollinator habitat. One out of three bites of food takes a pollinator to produce.*
- *The goal is to connect people with nature.*
- *Studies show that home prices increase 17% when they are next to green space.*
- *Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries have large expanses for potential monarch butterfly gardens.*
- *A 3'x3' plot in which milkweed is planted can greatly benefit this population.*
- *For more information: <http://stlouis-mo.gov/monarchs>*

- **New/Old Business**

- *President Gregali announced the next Heights Night will take place on July 12, 6-8 p.m. at Brasilia, 3212 S. Grand.*

- **Announcements**

- *A resident asked if we could get ahead of the loss of Ash trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer insect. Depending on the size of the tree, an injectable cure is being tried. Megan said there is money allocated for extra trees. As they are cut down, new ones can be planted. Some houses in the ward have holes where trees can be planted.*
- *A resident commented that there are a lot of dead trees in the Utah median.*
- *A drawing for gift certificates was held.*

- **Adjournment**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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