



**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – July 26, 2016**

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

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

- **President – Open meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

- Three first-time attendees were identified.

- **Neighborhood business/announcements**

- **SLMPD 2<sup>nd</sup> District Captain Mike Deeba ([madeeba@slmpd.org](mailto:madeeba@slmpd.org))**

- *Applauds the neighborhood walking patrol efforts in getting more eyes and ears on the street.*
    - *There have been 10 burglaries and robberies in the area in the past three months.*
    - *He is looking into having the trees trimmed back since the new lights are not illuminating as well. His goal is to have this begun in 30 days.*
    - *He would also like residents to call and send email requests to the Mayor's Office about it.*
    - *A resident asked about lowering the cobra head lighting and Captain Deeba said he would ask the appropriate personnel about it.*
    - *He reports that much of our crime is larceny and in response to a resident's question about any patterns, stated that it is males, ages 14-20, committing 70% of the crime.*
    - *He states that one of the problems is not having enough police in the city resulting from the fact that after officers attend the Police Academy, they are lured to the county where the beginning salary is \$8,000 higher than the city.*
    - *A resident asked if anyone is studying where additional officers would go and he said that studies have been done and this would be a decision made by the Chief of Police and Mayor.*
    - *He was asked by a resident why our neighborhood appears to be targeted by outside criminals. He stated that a lot of the crime occurs off South Grand when criminals see an opportunity.*
    - *A resident inquired about cameras on Gustine or Spring. Captain Deeba said he would like to get cameras there but funding is always an issue.*
    - *A resident asked about the Trash Truck Task Force cameras but he said he was not familiar with this. Another resident reported that Todd Waeltermann, Director of Operations for the City, was asked about a grant to fund cameras.*
    - *He asked that residents be careful about posting inaccurate information about crime on social media.*

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

- *No report. Alderperson Megan Green ([megan.ellyia@gmail.com](mailto:megan.ellyia@gmail.com)) was unavailable.*

- **Featured Speakers**

- **Leonard Johnson, Deputy Chief of Staff, Treasurer's Office ([johnsonl@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:johnsonl@stlouis-mo.gov))**

- *Johnson states he does investment, among other things, for the city. He states the office is more professionally run than in the past.*
    - *Parking technology has been updated. There are apps available to make it easier to park. The office used to operate parking as cash only, but with the improved technology, now takes credit cards.*

- *He described their Office of Financial Empowerment which offers free services to residents to help them learn to make better financial choices. It includes credit report and credit score counseling.*
- *This office opens \$50 saving accounts for all kindergarteners in the city. Children can earn bonuses for perfect attendance as well as for parental participation in the Office's financial literacy trainings.*
- **Treasurer 's Report**
  - *Rick Stein ([treasurer@towergroveheights.com](mailto:treasurer@towergroveheights.com)) reported TGHNA took in \$673.51 and spent \$1,735.59 on the Gazette layout and (\$500) donation to the South Grand Cultural Alliance..*
- **Block Captain Committee Report**
  - *Debra Knox Deiermann ([blockrep@towegroveheights.com](mailto:blockrep@towegroveheights.com)) announced that there are still openings for TGH Block Captains for 3800 Arsenal and 3600-3700 Connecticut. Thanks to recruitment efforts by 3600-3700 Wyoming Block Captain, Marianne Rogers, the vacancy on 3800 Wyoming has been filled, by Ashley Morris.*
  - *After-dark walking patrols have begun. Melissa Tumminia's group meets on Thursdays, 9:15 p.m. at the corner of Roger and Humphrey and walks for about an hour, with and without dogs. Everyone is welcome! Check Nextdoor for updates. A second group walked on one Thursday at 9:00 p.m., meeting at Juniata and Spring.*
  - *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.*
- **Social Committee**
  - *Chair Vicky Dean asked members of the Social Committee to stand to be recognized.*
  - *The next Heights Night will be at the Civil Life Brewing Company, 3714 Holt (on other side of the neighborhood). Everyone is welcome!*
  - *Some blocks will hold Block Parties to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2. The beverage wagon will also make an appearance. If yours is not a block that has a party planned, she asked that you participate by turning on your porch light.*
  - *In October, the committee has plans for "Halloganza" featuring a photo booth and urban campfire. Details to follow.*
- **New/Old Business/Announcements**
  - *Residents are encouraged to attend the next Safety meeting, held upstairs at the Gelateria at 6:30 p.m. on first Wednesdays.*
  - *Residents are reminded to vote in the upcoming primary election.*
  - *Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association meeting will be August 17, 6:30 p.m. at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome!*
  - *A resident encouraged anyone with a health issue that could be affected by a power outage, to register with Ameren in case of an emergency.*
  - *A resident announced the upcoming move of the Y.*
  - *Dining Out for Tower Grove Park will take place at Clementine's Creamery, 1638 Lafayette. Call them for more details.*
  - *President Gregali recognized two candidates for Circuit Attorney, Mary Pat Carl and Patrick Hammacher, who were in attendance*
- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
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