



**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – November 22, 2016**  
**Convened: 7:20 p.m. Adjourned: 8:30 p.m. 36 attendees**

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

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

- Several first-time attendees were recognized. Welcome to all!

- **Neighborhood business/announcements**

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

- *Reported that robberies in our area are not as bad as usual and property crimes and stealing from cars are down. However, there was a recent robbery on Lackland Avenue (outside of TGH) and a resident who was present reported being robbed at gunpoint very recently. Slade encouraged victims to report all such incidents to law enforcement because even if the victim cannot identify the perpetrators, if they are caught, they may then be able to be charged with receiving stolen goods.*
    - *There was a report of a stolen package from a person's porch. Residents are encouraged to use the Access Point pick-up locations in the area (Avon store, 3179 S. Grand or Local Harvest, 3108 Morgan Ford Rd).*
    - *Patrols are continuing and the License Plate Recognition cameras on S. Grand continue to aid in identifying stolen vehicles.*
    - *Officer Slade encouraged residents to maintain a high sense of awareness when out on the street. He stated that if you see someone cross the street to follow you or if you feel something is not right – "to trust your gut instinct" and report it.*
    - *He states that most of the crime in our area is being committed by individuals who live outside of it. He says that sometimes gangs or individuals will target a place until "it gets too hot," i.e., the risk of apprehension is greater because there are more police in the area.*

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

- *Aldersperson Megan Green ([megan.ellyia@gmail.com](mailto:megan.ellyia@gmail.com)) reported there were 1,478 votes in the 2017-2018 Participatory Budgeting project. [There were 403 votes in the 2015-2016 Participatory Budgeting project.]*
    - *She reported the first infographic illustrating the P-B project winners posted online was incorrect but has since been corrected. Demographic information including age, gender, and racial identification of voters was included. Click [here](#) to view corrected infographic.*
    - *In response to questions from the floor:*
      - ✓ *It takes up to 2 ½ years to have sidewalks repaired in the 50/50 program.*
      - ✓ *She asked to be emailed the specifics of one resident's reporting history about a particular sidewalk which has buckled but has not been addressed by the city.*
      - ✓ *She is not sure when the city stops emptying the yard waste bins for the year; it may be around Thanksgiving – she will check.*
      - ✓ *A resident reported that permits to trim trees can be obtained from the city at no charge.*

- **Treasurer's Report**
  - Rick Stein ([treasurer@towergroveheights.com](mailto:treasurer@towergroveheights.com)) reported TGHNA's net worth is \$14,724.49 as of October 2016.
  - About \$2,700 was taken in from Autumn Fest receipts, memberships, and Gazette ads.
  - About \$990 was spent on Autumn Fest expenses, street permits for Block Parties, the annual Post Office box fee and postage stamps for TGHNA business.
  
- **Block Captain Report**
  - Debra Knox Deiermann ([blockreps@towergroveheights.com](mailto:blockreps@towergroveheights.com)) reported a very good turnout for the TGS-TGH Block Captain Training on November 14. She has Block Captain Training Packets for those who were unable to attend, as well as TGH Welcome Packets for new residents.
  
- **Membership Report**
  - Tricia Heliker announced there are 218 TGHNA memberships, to date
  
- **Featured Speaker**
  - **Darlene Green, City of St. Louis Comptroller (314-622-4389)**
    - Introduced "Green HELP," a home loan program with a low, 2.1% interest rate for City residents to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes. (see attachment)
    - Eligible residents can borrow any amount up to \$15,000, and the loans do not require appraisals or loan closings. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
    - For more information, visit: [www.greenhelpstlouis.com](http://www.greenhelpstlouis.com)
  
- **100 Neediest Cases**
  - For the thirteenth year, TGHNA is joining with 100 Neediest Cases to help two South City families this holiday season. Please give generously. (see attachment)
  - A list of requested items for both families along with instructions can also be found at our website, [www.towergroveheights.com](http://www.towergroveheights.com).
  - Donations can also be made through PayPal, also on our website.
  - Block Captains will also be hand-delivering flyers about participating in the project to each neighborhood household.
  - Project Chair, Ellen Wilson, could use some help with wrapping gifts on December 17, 10 a.m.
  
- **2017 TGHNA Board Election**
  - President Stephen Gregali called for a voice vote on the nominations for the following uncontested board positions, which were approved unanimously:
    - President-Elect: Vick Dean
    - Membership Secretary: Jean Iezzi
    - Treasurer: Rick Stein (re-election)
    - Secretary: Debra Knox Deiermann (re-election)
  - Per TGHNA By-laws: The President-elect always serves as the next year's president and the current president serves in an advisory role as the Past-president. This means 2016 President-elect, Barbara Gilchrist, will serve as 2017 President and 2016 President, Stephen Gregali, will serve as 2017 Past-president.
  
- **New/Old Business/Announcements**
  - Incoming President Barbara Gilchrist announced a focus on making our neighborhood safer and increasing membership and engagement with a special emphasis on welcoming rental tenants will be among her goals for next year.

- *She asks all residents to think about topics, speakers and initiatives that they would like to see TGHNA focus on next year and to send their comments to her at [www.president@towergroveheights.com](mailto:www.president@towergroveheights.com) or call her (phone number in Buzz Book).*
- *In January, a Tower Grove Heights Safety Committee, led by Stephen Gregali, will commence. This committee will concentrate on such things as lighting, reporting crime, making use of the club for vehicles, and keeping an eye out for the older adults in our neighborhood. Everyone is welcome and can sign up anytime.*
- *As we close out the year, we'd like to bid a fond farewell to Tricia Heliker as she steps down as TGHNA Membership Secretary. Many thanks to her for a job well done throughout her years of service. During her tenure, TGHNA experienced a record number of memberships. Additionally, Tricia has graciously hosted the TGHNA Board meetings at her lovely home many years. Thanks, Tricia!*
- *January speakers at TGHNA to be announced.*
- *Watch for Grinchmas on South Grand. <http://southgrand.org/events/grinchmas/>*
- *There will be no TGSNA meeting in December.*

- **Adjournment**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Debra Knox Deiermann*

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*Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association values and seeks a diverse membership. The TGHNA Board recognizes and values the importance of diversity.*

# Part 1 Crime Comparison By Date of Occurrence

## Tower Grove South | District - 2

Week: Nov 10 thru Nov 16      Years: 2015 & 2016

Year-To-Date Includes Data for "January 1 thru November 16"

	----- Nov 10 thru Nov 16 -----				----- Year-To-Date -----			
	2015	2016	Change	% Chg.	2015	2016	Change	% Chg.
<b>Total Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0 %</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	2	1	100.0 %
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
<b>Total Rape</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0 %</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200.0 %</b>
Forced Rape	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	6	4	200.0 %
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
<b>Total Robbery</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-66.7 %</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>68.3 %</b>
Highway	3	1	-2	-66.7 %	24	54	30	125.0 %
Business	0	0	0	0.0 %	13	13	0	0.0 %
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0.0 %	4	2	-2	-50.0 %
* Weapon	3	1	-2	-66.7 %	28	46	18	64.3 %
* No Weapon	0	0	0	0.0 %	13	23	10	76.9 %
<b>Total Aggr. Assault</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-100.0 %</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11.7 %</b>
Gun	0	0	0	0.0 %	20	24	4	20.0 %
Knife	0	0	0	0.0 %	4	13	9	225.0 %
Other	0	0	0	0.0 %	29	26	-3	-10.3 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	7	4	-3	-42.9 %
# Simple Assault	3	0	-3	-100.0 %	88	82	-6	-6.8 %
<b>TOTAL PERSON CRIME</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-75.0 %</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38.5 %</b>
<b>Total Burglary</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-50.0 %</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-61</b>	<b>-42.1 %</b>
Residence - Day	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	38	29	-9	-23.7 %
Residence - Night	0	0	0	0.0 %	16	14	-2	-12.5 %
Residence - Time Unknown	3	2	-1	-33.3 %	79	35	-44	-55.7 %
Business - Day	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Business - Night	0	0	0	0.0 %	7	4	-3	-42.9 %
Business - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	2	-3	-60.0 %
Other - Day	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Night	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Force	3	1	-2	-66.7 %	88	46	-42	-47.7 %
* No Force	1	1	0	0.0 %	46	29	-17	-37.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0.0 %	11	9	-2	-18.2 %
<b>Total Larceny</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>62.5 %</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-3.5 %</b>
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Purse Snatch	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Shoplift	4	3	-1	-25.0 %	125	115	-10	-8.0 %
From Motor Vehicle	0	2	2	NA	105	112	7	6.7 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	2	5	3	150.0 %	64	99	35	54.7 %
Bicycles	0	0	0	0.0 %	8	6	-2	-25.0 %
From Buildings	1	2	1	100.0 %	80	58	-22	-27.5 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	1	1	0	0.0 %	75	53	-22	-29.3 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0.0 %	22	19	-3	-13.6 %
<b>Total Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-15.6 %</b>
Auto	1	1	0	0.0 %	73	56	-17	-23.3 %
Truck/Bus	0	0	0	0.0 %	7	6	-1	-14.3 %
Motorcycle/Other	0	1	1	NA	10	14	4	40.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0.0 %	8	7	-1	-12.5 %
* Joy Ride	0	0	0	0.0 %	25	13	-12	-48.0 %
<b>Total Arson</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50.0 %</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38.5 %</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>-90</b>	<b>-12.9 %</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIME</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11.8 %</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-6.3 %</b>

\* - These counts were included in a previous line.

# - These entries are not reflected in any group totals.

Comptroller Darlene Green Presents



# Green HELP

## Home Energy-Efficiency Loan Program

Low-Interest  
Home Loans for  
Energy-Efficiency  
Improvements for  
City of St. Louis  
Residents



**“Green HELP program offers affordable loans to City homeowners for energy efficient home improvements.”**

- Comptroller Darlene Green

[GreenHELPStLouis.com](http://GreenHELPStLouis.com)



**Got more questions? We are here to help.**

If you are not finding your answer on [GreenHELPStLouis.com](http://GreenHELPStLouis.com), please don't hesitate to call or email us.

Call **1.877.708.3456** to talk with a Green HELP program specialist between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or leave a message at **314.622.3300**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The program specialist can answer questions about the program and help identify contractors that can come to your residence and discuss your energy-efficiency upgrades for your home. Our email is [info@GreenHELPStLouis.com](mailto:info@GreenHELPStLouis.com).



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In this time of change, I hope we will be able to put away our differences and come together for another year of helping those less fortunate. This is our lucky number thirteen and I think we could all use a little good karma these days. I hope you will join us this year.

**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association** is joining the **100 Neediest Cases** to help south St. Louis City families who need a little extra this holiday season. If you would like to contribute, either donate a new **unwrapped** gift that fits one of the family members or general needs or donate cash or check – made out to TGHNA; you can also donate via PayPal (see main menu at towergroveheights.com) which will be used to buy gifts and help our adopted families pay for utilities. Drop your donations at the drop point and we take care of the rest. **Please be sure to include your full name with your donation to be sure I can acknowledge your generosity.** All gifts will be wrapped and distributed to the families.

### Pick one (or more) to buy for:

#### **Family 1:**

**Mother (41):** Size: L 10/12; Shoes (8.5)  
**Father (45):** Size: L; Pants (32/32); Shoes (10)  
**Girl (17):** Size: M; Pants (3); Shoes (8)  
**Boy (12):** Size: M; Pants (30/32); Shoes (11)  
**Girl (6):** Size T-6; Shoes (1)

**Special Requests:** winter clothes and gear for all; household cleaning, bath, and bedding (twin/queen)  
Mother: Bath & Body; wallet. Father: Tool sets, work gloves, winter socks. 17yo: Forever 21 clothes, purse; Bath & Body. 12yo: X-box 360 sports games, soccer ball. 6yo: Monster High dolls, Peppa Pig, Barbie

#### **Family 2:**

**Mother (31):** Top: 1X; Pants 3X; Coat 2X; Shoes (11)  
**Girl (5):** Size: 7/8T; Shoes (T-11)  
**Girl (3):** Size 5/6T Shoes (T-9)

**Special Requests:** Household cleaning, bath, and bedding (twin/queen)  
Mother: Bath & Body, Victoria Secret Cologne. 5yo: American Doll, Barbie, hand held game. 3yo: Education toys, dolls, games, big wheel

### Both families need the following:

**Gift cards for any of the following:** medicine/drug stores; gas; food; cleaning supplies; personal hygiene products; or baby care products if appropriate. Consider: Walgreens; Target; Walmart; Schnuck's; Shop N Save; Aldi; Ruler; BP; or other related store.

**Educational Items** – age appropriate books; family games; school supplies...

**Cash** – for gifts or utility bills which are paid directly by 100 Neediest Cases (PayPal, or checks to TGHNA) There is always a need for **volunteers** to help wrap the gifts and for **wrapping materials** such as tape, wrapping paper, labels, and ribbon. If you are interested in helping, contact Ellen.

**Due Date for Donations:** December 16 (Donations can be dropped off at the drop point and are collected several times each day)

**Wrapping Party:** December 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Ellen's house

**Drop Point and Contact:** Ellen Wilson, 3617 Juniata St.,  
314-221-8418, [100neediest@towergroveheights.com](mailto:100neediest@towergroveheights.com)