



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – July 25, 2017
Convened: 7:15 p.m. Adjourned: 8:10 p.m. 45 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Barbara Gilchrist (president@towergroveheights.com)

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**
 - **Newcomer recognition**
Several first-time attendees were recognized. Welcome to all!

- **Neighborhood business/announcements**
 - **15th Ward Aldermanic report**
(Megan Green: 314-591-9587 or megan@meganellyiagreen.com)
 - *Megan was not available for the meeting but provided some updates for Barbara to share with the attendees:*
 - *A \$3/month refuse bill passed in the Board of Alderman and a half-cent sales tax will be on an upcoming ballot.*

 - **SLMPD 2nd District update**
 - *In Liaison Officer Ed Slade's (edslade@slmpd.org) absence, there were four other officers present including P.O. Don Veile and Sgt. Brian Seppi, who is the new South Grand liaison. Two others, P.O. Redling (three years on the force) and P.O. Willis (nine years on the force) who have been working in the area were introduced.*
 - *P.O. Veile reported that crime is slightly down in this area as compared to last year. (see attachment)*
 - *Sgt. Seppi reported the suspect in two carjacking and kidnapping cases in the area is now in custody and his bail has been set at \$400,000. The 18-year-old suspect is from the Southwest Garden neighborhood.*
 - *He advised residents to be aware of their surroundings at all times since criminals may be watching to see how observant they are in assessing their vulnerability.*
 - *In response to a resident's question about motives in carjacking cases, he states that they vary. Sometimes cars are stolen to use in the commission of other crimes; in other cases, the perpetrator will attempt to sell the stolen vehicle and others may just want to joyride.*
 - *He reported that there are undercover police patrolling our area.*

- **Featured Speaker: Dennis Northcott, Associate Archivist for Reference, Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center**
 - *In an engaging and informative PowerPoint presentation, the speaker introduced us to many of the resources available to conduct research on individual addresses and family names through the Genealogy and Local History Index available at the Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center, 225 S. Skinker 63105. (www.genealogy.mohistory.org)*
 - *See attachment for the 2017 Genealogy and House History Workshops.*

- **Committee Reports**
 - **Safety Committee**

- *In Chair Jennifer Florida's absence, Barbara reported guest speaker, Larry Weinles, who along with Tim Horwedel, successfully overcame financial and bureaucratic obstacles to get security cameras in Shaw, spoke to our group. Alex Beechem, Tower Grove East's Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM) liaison and TGE Block Captain Coordinator, also recounted his experiences in his neighborhood.*
- *Larry introduced Kyle Jobes of Communication Technologies, Inc., the vendor who has worked with him to find an acceptable and affordable security camera system for Shaw.*
- *Shaw's first security camera is expected to be installed on 7/27/2017.*
- *NOM Liaison Officer Ed Slade introduced Sgt. Brian Seppi, the South Grand liaison officer who is in charge of scheduling the Thursday/Friday/Saturday, 6 p.m. - 12 a.m. foot beat on South Grand.*

- **Social Committee**
 - *Chair Vicky Dean (social@towergroveheights.com) announced that door hangers will be distributed throughout TGH inviting neighbors to hang out on their porches on Tuesday, August 1 (National Night Out) to get to know each other. Volunteers to distribute door hangers are sought.*
 - *There was an excellent turn-out at the last Heights Nights at Rooster South Grand.*
 - *The next Heights Nights event will be Tuesday, August 8, 6-8 p.m. at 3609 Juniata for a sneak preview of the upcoming VP Square (Asian fusion) restaurant.*
 - *She conducted an ice-breaker game, "Two Truths and a Lie", with four volunteers.*
 - *Tonight's SOCIAL HOUR will take place immediately after the meeting at the Gelateria, 3197 S. Grand. Everyone is welcome!*

- **Treasurer's Report** (treasurer@towergroveheights.com)
 - *In Treasurer Rick Stein's absence, Barbara reported the balance in our treasury is about \$14,000.*

- **Block Captain Report** (blockreps@towergroveheights.com)
 - *Block Captain Coordinator, Debra Knox Deiermann, announced new TGH Block Captains, Rachel and Adam Moskal (3800wyoming@towergroveheights.com) and new TGS Block Captain, Wendy Fairchild of 4100 Hartford. All TGH blocks are once again represented - thanks to all!*
 - *Due to city budget constraints, our ward (15) has been without its own Neighborhood Improvement Specialist (NIS), the position formerly known as Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO) for seven months and we may not ever get another NIS specifically assigned to us again. Mark Washington-McLean (washington-mcleanm@stlouis-mo.gov or 314-657-1360, NIS for Ward 10), has been substituting as the problem properties NIS for us. He spoke to the TGS-TGH Block Captains at their meeting on July 10. (Another person, Michelle Boston-David, NIS for Ward 8, is also supposed to be subbing.)*
 - *Sign up for the TGHNA notification list at secretary@towergroveheights.com. If you have previously received meeting reminders and minutes from our old Yahoo Groups list but have not been getting notifications from us via MailChimp, please check your junk/spam folders.*
 - *Check out our website, www.towergroveheights.com for TGH news: Neighborhood Spotlight features residents and events; read back issues of our quarterly newsletter, the Gazette; join the association; make a donation; and much more.*
 - *For more house histories, check out the Autumn 2014, Winter 2016 and Spring 2017 issues of the Gazette.*

- **South Grand Cultural Alliance** (no report)

- **TGHNA 30th Anniversary Neighborhood-wide Block Party** (Saturday, September 23, 2-6 p.m., along Spring Avenue)

- *Chair Patrick Weber thanked the committee members for their work on this event which kicks off with a Bike Parade and will feature food and live music. Everyone is welcome!*
 - *Special thanks to Kim Cole, who helped secure a grant for the festivities.*
 - *If you have any area photos or memorabilia over the past 30 years that you would be willing to share for an indoor display at Aesh Design, 3735 Connecticut, during the festivities, please email president@towergroveheights.com.*
 - *If there are neighbors from the early days you are still in contact with, please invite them to the event.*
 - *Volunteers for the day of the event are sought.*
- **President's Announcements**
- *If you are not already a member of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association, please consider joining us. Memberships start at \$10 per year and you can join online through www.towergroveheights.com or at any TGHNA meeting or event.*
 - *There is always a Suggestion Box available at the meetings – we would love your input as to speaker suggestions or other feedback.*
 - *Repair of the “Tower Grove Heights” street sign at Spring and Utah that was knocked down by a car earlier this summer has been delayed due to the fabricator’s busy schedule.*
 - *In anticipation of the 30th anniversary event, research on past issues of the Gazette indicates many perennial themes such as the encouragement of keeping porch lights on overnight. There are a number of articles on the history of houses. Some missing issues have been copied from originals housed at the Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center and will be posted to our website shortly.*
 - *Please attend the next Heights Nights on August 8 at VP Square.*
 - *The next TGSNA meeting will be August 16.*
 - *Our next TGHNA meeting will be August 22 and in anticipation of our 30th anniversary, will feature a panel of “Neighborhood Pioneers” to discuss community history through their experiences from 30 years ago including why and how the TGH neighborhood association was formed. Please join us for this very special event.*

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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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 Based on UCR Reporting

Tower Grove South

Years: 2016 & 2017

Year-To-Date Includes Months "January through May"

	----- Month of May -----				----- Year-To-Date -----			
	2016	2017	Change	% Chg.	2016	2017	Change	% Chg.
Total Homicide	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	1	-1	-50.0 %
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	1	-1	-50.0 %
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 %
Total Rape	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	5	1	-4	-80.0 %
Forced Rape	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	5	1	-4	-80.0 %
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Robbery	3	8	5	166.7 %	15	30	15	100.0 %
Highway	1	5	4	400.0 %	10	19	9	90.0 %
Business	2	2	0	0.0 %	4	10	6	150.0 %
Miscellaneous	0	1	1	NA	1	1	0	0.0 %
* Weapon	3	6	3	100.0 %	10	25	15	150.0 %
* No Weapon	0	2	2	NA	5	5	0	0.0 %
Total Aggr. Assault	11	5	-6	-54.5 %	38	21	-17	-44.7 %
Gun	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	11	4	-7	-63.6 %
Knife	3	2	-1	-33.3 %	7	7	0	0.0 %
Other	6	2	-4	-66.7 %	18	8	-10	-55.6 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	0	0.0 %
# Simple Assault	8	6	-2	-25.0 %	51	34	-17	-33.3 %
TOTAL PERSON CRIME	15	13	-2	-13.3 %	60	53	-7	-11.7 %
Total Burglary	4	7	3	75.0 %	40	38	-2	-5.0 %
Residence - Day	1	1	0	0.0 %	21	15	-6	-28.6 %
Residence - Night	2	2	0	0.0 %	5	5	0	0.0 %
Residence - Time Unknown	1	1	0	0.0 %	13	10	-3	-23.1 %
Business - Day	0	2	2	NA	0	3	3	NA
Business - Night	0	1	1	NA	1	3	2	200.0 %
Business - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	2	2	NA
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	2	3	1	50.0 %	25	22	-3	-12.0 %
* No Force	2	4	2	100.0 %	10	14	4	40.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	2	-3	-60.0 %
Total Larceny	49	32	-17	-34.7 %	175	158	-17	-9.7 %
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Purse Snatch	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	2	2	NA
Shoplift	19	5	-14	-73.7 %	68	30	-38	-55.9 %
From Motor Vehicle	9	6	-3	-33.3 %	28	36	8	28.6 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	6	7	1	16.7 %	37	35	-2	-5.4 %
Bicycles	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	0.0 %
From Buildings	10	5	-5	-50.0 %	26	30	4	15.4 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	5	9	4	80.0 %	15	24	9	60.0 %
* Attempt	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	5	5	0	0.0 %
Total Vehicle Theft	7	7	0	0.0 %	28	27	-1	-3.6 %
Auto	6	5	-1	-16.7 %	23	21	-2	-8.7 %
Truck/Bus	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	3	2	200.0 %
Motorcycle/Other	1	2	1	100.0 %	4	3	-1	-25.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	0	-2	-100.0 %
* Joy Ride	0	0	0	0.0 %	3	5	2	66.7 %
Total Arson	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	1	1	NA
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	60	46	-14	-23.3 %	243	224	-19	-7.8 %
TOTAL CRIME	75	59	-16	-21.3 %	303	277	-26	-8.6 %

* - These counts were included in a previous line.

- These entries are not reflected in any group totals.

SUMMARY OF CRIME CODED DATA

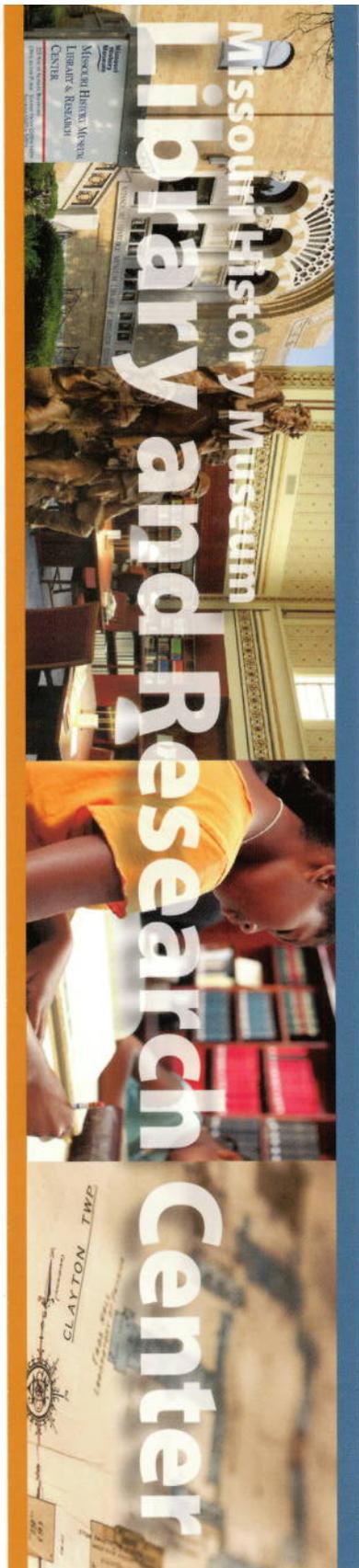
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For Data Coded In Months:Starting Month/Year: **06 - 2017**Ending Month/Year: **07 - 2017 #**

Option: District/Neighborhood/Beat

Crime Group	Crime Description	NET CRIME RECORD COUNTS			Net Total
		Crimes	Unfoundeds	Adjustments	
03	Robbery	6	0	0	6
04	Aggravated Assault	4	0	0	4
05	Burglary	13	0	0	13
06	Larceny	79	-1	0	78
07	Vehicle Theft	12	-2	0	10
25	Loitering/Begging	3	0	0	3
	Grand Totals	117	-3	0	114

- Data for Month "07-2017" has not been approved and may change before this month is finalized.



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SAT., MARCH 4 House History

SAT., APRIL 15 Genealogy

SAT., AUGUST 26 House History

SAT., SEPTEMBER 23 Genealogy

LECTURES

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Free! No reservations are required.

SUN., JUNE 18 | 1pm

Top Websites for St. Louis Genealogy Research
with Dennis Northcott

SUN., AUGUST 13 | 1pm

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SUN., OCTOBER 15 | 1pm

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