

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

February 22, 2011 7:20 p.m.

22 Attendees

The meeting was chaired by President Marilyn Browning. After new attendees were introduced, Marilyn noted that Mayor Sly will be at the next TGHNA meeting on March 22 and she encouraged everyone to attend.

Officer Joseph Calabro, Community Outreach Officer of the 3rd District, gave a presentation about Citizens on Patrol (COP). These groups are composed of neighborhood residents interested in decreasing neighborhood crime. They serve as an extra set of eyes. The presentation included the number for the Duty Watch Commander for the Third District (314-444-0125 or 314-444-0169) who should be contacted prior to patrol activities. The Lafayette Square neighborhood has been conducting these patrols and would be willing to work with us if we're interested. In addition to the Citizens Patrol information, Officer Calabro's presentation included information about the difference between emergencies (call 911) and non-emergencies (call 231-1212), helpful websites such as stlouis-mo.gov and Slmpd.org and several safety precautions such as not leaving valuables in sight inside your parked car, leaving outside home entrance lights on and being alert and purposeful when walking. Engravers are available for no charge at the Police Dept. to use for property identification and Officer Calabro also mentioned a technique of writing your address with a grease pen on an inconspicuous location on copper downspouts, etc., then highlighting it with fluorescent paint. This deters thieves and can be used to more easily identify stolen property.

Rich Seifert, President Elect, described the Neighborhood Orders of Protection that TGH has been requesting against outsiders who commit crimes in the Tower Grove South neighborhood. A Neighborhood Order of Protection is an order that a St. Louis judge places against a criminal defendant as a condition of his/her bond or probation. The judge orders the criminal to stay out of a particular part of the City as a condition of remaining free on the streets. Violating these orders of protection can cause criminals to be arrested, their bonds revoked and their probations ended. The St Louis Circuit Clerk website (<http://www.stlcitycircuitcourt.com/search.php>) has links to pictures of these offenders. Click on Neighborhood 15 and then click the Search button to see current Orders of Protection in Tower Grove South.

Jennifer Florida, 15th Ward Alderman, announced that [Operation Brightside](#) will be on April 16-17. We are Region 3. In addition to encouraging neighborhood cleanup, bulk trash pickup will be available in the alley by 10:00 a.m. Saturday for noon pickup. [Local Harvest Grocery](#) is expanding with their move to 3108 Morganford. The Great Streets work on Grand will start again soon with double teams. Phase 2 is scheduled to start in April and the work is scheduled for final completion in September. The bid for work on the first section of the Green Alley upgrade (Humphrey and Utah) came in much less than expected and we will soon know when the work will start. The Aldermen are working on refining the trash and recycling issues, schedule problems, etc., now that the new recycling dumpsters are in place. Plans are in place to get bigger dumpsters installed as well as additional recycling dumpsters. This work will start on the blocks along the Park and move south. Yard waste pickup will start again at the end of the month. The City now has mobile cameras that can be used to track illegal dumping. In response to a question about the temporary street barriers installed as part of the Great Streets effort, Jennifer confirmed that they will be removed and noted that the City is actually selling them.

Rachel Witt, South Grand Community Improvement District Executive Director, reported that the parking lot behind Commerce Bank is almost ready and parking will be available there sometime around mid-March. There will be 95 free parking spaces with signs to identify the lot. The CID is looking for a grant to have movies projected there as a neighborhood activity. We might also have bands perform prior to the movies. There are several new businesses opening on Grand—[Armarium](#), an upscale second-hand clothing and accessories store, [MassageLuxe](#), next to Sekisui and [Great Clips](#). On March 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., a progressive dinner event called [Savor South Grand](#) is scheduled that will benefit the DeSales Housing Corporation. Tickets are \$30 and reservations can be made by calling Jacqueline Roberson, 314-776-5444 ext. 2. Car decals are being made with the new South Grand logo and a branding campaign will start this spring in publications such as RFT, Sauce, etc.

Judy Lane, [15th Ward NSO](#) (Neighborhood Stabilization Officer), noted that the graffiti on Grand and the alley south of Wyoming will be cleaned off as soon as the weather warms up enough.

The meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be March 22, 2011.

Claudia Seifert, Secretary