

## Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

May 22, 2012      7:17 p.m.      21 attendees

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association (TGHNA) meeting was chaired by President Rich Seifert. First-time attendees were introduced.

TGHNA survey results are on the [TGHNA Website](#), as well as summarized in an article in the Gazette which will be distributed soon.

There was a serious crime in the Heights. An elderly woman was robbed and injured on her front porch. They did capture the criminals—17 and 16 year olds.

The TGHNA 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is scheduled from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on June 16, 2012. Jim McLaren, on the organizing committee, reported that most everything is in place. There is a permit to block off the streets. A save-the-date card was distributed to residents, an article will be in the Gazette and an invitation will be sent for the party. Beverages are being donated. There will be raffles, gift cards and three bands will play. A bounce house for kids will also be available. The party will be over several blocks on Spring Ave. and will be a free event. We need volunteers to help with the bounce house and people to oversee beverages and the popcorn machine (we need 5 shifts of people for each location—1 each hour). We also need large trash cans for the event. Jim left a sign-in sheet for volunteers.

Prior to that, the International Dine-Around will be June 13, providing diners the opportunity to sample several different restaurants on Grand. The [South Grand website](#) has details.

Emily Luten, a resident on the 4000 block of Utah, spoke about [Trailnet](#) and several of the programs it sponsors. Trailnet is a non-profit organization which has been around for 24 years. It has 18 staff in their downtown office and promotes active living and integrating physical activity in daily routines. Trailnet is a member-based organization and provides programming for the bi-state area. St. Louis is a bike-friendly city. Mayor Slay signed legislation that states that all streets have to be biking and walking friendly. See if your employer will incentivize you for biking to work since this is actually cheaper for employers. Emily distributed a biking calendar and several other Trailnet handouts. There is a Gateway bike plan that is being implemented to include bike lanes. The plan provides a long-term vision for providing a connected system of on road bicycle routes between communities, transit, greenways and trails. The Greatrivers has links to the bike plan. The website [www.shiftyourcommute.com](http://www.shiftyourcommute.com) is a location on which bike riders and walkers can log their car-free miles—it's Trailnet's "ongoing effort to encourage individuals to dump the pump and TravelGreen!"

Rich reported that Tower Grove South is trying to encourage people to sit out on their front stoops with Stoop Wednesdays.

The meeting concluded at 7:39 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 26, 2012. Mark Abbott will speak about the history of Tower Grove Heights.

Claudia Seifert, Secretary