

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

May 28, 2013 7:18 p.m. 34 attendees

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association (TGHNA) meeting was chaired by President Jim Zakibe.

New residents were introduced.

Angelo Olegna spoke about an event that will be sponsored by [Tower Grove Pride](#), a group which came together when Pride St. Louis decided to move the Gay Pride parade downtown. The Tower Grove Pride group wants to continue to have a community-oriented pride event along Grand Blvd. After finding support for this idea on social media, they decided to have an event on June 29th. There will be several activities—first, in the early afternoon in Tower Grove Park, next to the Farmers' Market, there will be a picnic. They will work with St. John's Episcopal Church to host several family-oriented events at the picnic. Then, there will be a sidewalk march from the park to a block party on Hartford and Grand between the City Diner and Mekong, ending at the alley. There will be music, vendors, food and alcoholic beverages (sold by the businesses adjacent to the event.) At the end, there will be after-party events, including activities on the roof of the Dickmann building.

Wes Browning, meteorologist in charge of the St. Louis forecasting office for the National Weather Service, gave a presentation titled "Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States." A chart displaying historical readings of carbon dioxide concentrations showed a huge increase since the Industrial Revolution compared to the last 800,000 years, based on ice core measurements and radio carbon dating. Methane and nitrous oxide as well as average temperatures have shown the same kinds of increases. Several charts showed how the future measurements will increase even more if environmental modifications aren't made to avoid several causes of climate change. Precipitation patterns have also been and are projected to be changing dramatically which will result in rises to the sea level. Responding to climate change will include both mitigation and adaption.

Captain Michael Deeba, from the [St. Louis Police 3rd District](#), told us that crime statistics are good; the only crime that is up is that we've had one more stolen vehicle than last year. He mentioned that we should certainly use the club to try to avoid this. We had an assault on Roger where criminals took the victim's cell phone. They have some suspects and they have

information from the victim that may help to identify the criminals. Captain Deeba is working with several local commercial vendors to try to get them to increase security measures. The Captain also mentioned that the Police Dept. will be redistricting from six down to nine districts. Ask for a supervisor when you call 911 if there are problems with interactions with the department. Captain Deeba's desk number is [314-444-0125](tel:314-444-0125) and his e-mail is madeeba@slmpd.org.

Judy Lane, Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO) for our 15th Ward, notified us that the first Tuesday in August (Aug. 6th) is [National Night Out](#). Sign your block up. There have been several instances of graffiti in the neighborhood and the Citizens Service Bureau is working to get it removed.

Starting in May, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, we are sponsoring "Living Local with Heights Nights" parties at various local businesses and restaurants. The next event will be at St. Louis National Pizza Company (Natty's) on June 11th. We raffled three Natty's gift certificates tonight and will raffle two more at the door that night. We are trying to support our neighborhood businesses with these events.

The next TGHNA meeting will be on June 25, 2013.

The meeting concluded at 8:23 p.m.

Claudia Seifert, Secretary