

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

July 23, 2013 7:18 p.m. 24 attendees

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association (TGHNA) meeting was chaired by President Jim Zakibe. Several new residents or attendees were introduced. Jim also noted an Oct 15th [golf tournament](#) to benefit the Police Department's 3rd District.

Police Captain Michael Deeba, accompanied by Officer Amber Gottschall, addressed various crime issues. There has been an arrest in a recent armed robbery. Though there have been upticks in certain categories, overall crime rates in Tower Grove South continue at historically low levels. He is making a special effort to work with businesses, regarding the security services they provide themselves. Break-ins of cars remain problematic, but that is also true in the suburbs. Audience members questioned the reporting of gunshots (some shootings might simply be tagged as property damage or not recorded at all); the Captain will try to gather some statistics from the 3rd District for a future presentation. He encourages direct communication; his desk number is [314-444-0125](tel:314-444-0125) and his e-mail is madeeba@slmpd.org

Charlie Edelen of [Trailnet](#) said he was available for input, as the organization sets future priorities for making Saint Louis a more walkable and bike-able region.

Amanda Doyle, a resident here, told about her new book "*100 Things to Do in Saint Louis Before You Die*". This is her third book on Saint Louis assets. Instead of reading excerpts, she had the audience play the BING-LOU game. Structured like BINGO, BING-LOU has people get their friends to check off things from her book that they've already done (e.g., Had Malts at Crown Candy Kitchen, Attended the Shakespeare Festival, Sledded on Art Hill). Look for her books at Dunaway Books, History Museum, Botanical Garden, or Left Bank Books.

Joe O'Neil said his family runs the new [Papa Murphy's](#) franchise, which just opened on Gravois and Gustine – at the old Jack-in-the-Box site.

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 [The Gelateria](#), 3197 S. Grand, on August 13th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We raffled five Gelateria gift certificates tonight and will raffle five more at the door that night. We also raffled a free pizza at Papa Murphy's— thanks, Joe!

The next TGHNA meeting will be on August 27, 2013.

The meeting concluded at 8:02 p.m.

Richard Seifert

Past President