

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

Tammy Robbins from Shriners Hospital for Children talked about our participation in a penny war with Tower Grove East. Rachel Witt, South Grand Community Improvement District (CID) Executive Director set up the Grinchmas event last year to benefit the Shriners Hospital. The penny war is another way to raise money for Shriners. We could have two big tubs for pennies, one for each neighborhood. Each penny is a point. However, silver change serves as negative points so you could sabotage the other group by putting silver change in their tub. We could get some media coverage for this also, to help with fund raising. Rachel will share further information on plans for this as they are available. [Grinchmas](#) this year is on Saturday, December 7, 2013, The Grinch will be on hand at MoKaBe's Coffeehouse and Tower Grove Creamery from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For a \$7 donation to the hospital, participants can get their photo taken with the Grinch. Those who bring a toy donation for the children at Shriners Hospitals for Children can get a photo taken for only \$5. The Grinch will also be joined by the clowns from Moolah Shriners, who will be on hand to provide face-painting and balloon animals.

Tammy also shared additional information about the [Shriners Hospital](#). It is moving to the City on the Washington University campus. They cover a nine-state area. They provide specialty care for children's orthopedic needs, like children with sports injuries, spina bifida, etc. They used to provide care for no charge. They now accept payment if the family can pay but will treat any child regardless of their ability to pay. They are a small, home-like place. The new hospital also coincides with their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Tammy showed us some cards with pictures and information about their patient ambassadors. Contact Tammy at [314-872-7837](tel:314-872-7837), [trobbins@shrinenet.org](mailto:trobbins@shrinenet.org) for more information.

Jennifer Florida, 15<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman, noted that we got an extension for the alley grant to finish the fourth green alley. The third alley will probably be finished by Christmas and the plan is to finish the last one by July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014. They don't want to excavate the last alley until March 2014. Grand Oak Hill Housing Corporation was granted funding to consolidate with Shaw and Southwest Garden to make the Tower Grove Neighborhood Community Corporation. The consolidation will start in January 2014. Jennifer also noted that [Schnucks](#) has completely renovated their Grand and Gravois store and are having a grand opening for it. In addition, the police districts are reformatting and we will be in the new [2nd district](#) with Captain William Swiderski. We will still have the substation that we helped fund.

Voting took place for the following slate of officers:

- President Elect - Metra Mitchell Taylor
- Membership Secretary - Tricia Heliker
- Recording Secretary - Marilyn Browning
- Treasurer - Rick Stein (re-election)

The voting was unanimous and these officers will serve starting with the 2014 meetings. Mike Newsham was elected last year as President Elect so he will chair the meetings in 2014 and Jim Zakibe will serve as Past President.

If any has any suggestions for Heights Night for next year, let Mike Newsham know.

We are collecting for the [100 Neediest Cases](#). This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that Tower Grove Heights has participated. We are distributing flyers about the three families we have chosen to sponsor and with information on participation.

The next TGHNA meeting will be on January 28, 2014.

The meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m.

Claudia Seifert,  
Secretary