

**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
**May 27, 2014 7:20pm 35 attendees**

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association (TGHNA) meeting was chaired by President Mike Newsham.

**John Karel** of Tower Grove Park wanted to remind the group of the Picnic in the Park on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-7, celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends of Tower Grove Park. All are welcome. Bring your own food or purchase from the food trucks that will be present. Music will be presented at the bandstand. Other activities will center around the area by Piper Palm House. For more information go to: [www.towergrovepark.org](http://www.towergrovepark.org).

**Officer Layton** of the STL Police District 2 reported that crime is up in the district from last year at this time, but that it is down 24 percent from last month. These are crimes of property rather than violent crimes.

**Rachel Witt, Executive** Director of South Grand Community Improvement District mentioned new developments on South Grand:

- A Brazilian restaurant will be moving into the space vacated by Urban.
- Treehouse Restaurant will be installing a new patio.
- Rooster construction has been delayed by a requirement for soil stabilization under the new construction. Opening should take place sometime in August.
- Jimmy John's will be moving into the space formerly occupied by Mojo's Tapas.
- Several lights on South Grand were damaged by this last windstorm, but are being replaced.
- Ground has been broken on Ritz Park. Opening is scheduled for late August.
- Backlot Films will begin June 20<sup>th</sup> in the South Grand free parking lot with the film 42, the story of Jackie Robinson.
- International Dine Around has been moved to September 18<sup>th</sup>. South Grand Fall Festival will be on September 20<sup>th</sup>. More information on these events and a Backlot Films schedule can be found at [www.southgrand.org](http://www.southgrand.org) under Events.
- Parking-Sandwich boards are being designed for restaurants to display which will direct customers to the new parking lot. Ample lamppost banners are in place, as well as excellent lighting and security. Restaurants are directing their employees to park in the lot. In time, more and more people will begin using the parking lot.

**Mike Newsham** reminded us that Heights Nights, an opportunity to socialize with residents and support a local business, will be held at Treehouse Restaurant on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 6-8p.m. All are welcome!

The alley cleanup on May 17<sup>th</sup> went well, and the barbecue in the alley of the 3800 block of Humphrey after the cleanup was a success.

The website has been redesigned, and we can now accept membership dues online through PayPal. Block captains will now have generic e-mail addresses listed by block (e.g. [3600-3700 Humphrey@towergroveheights.com](mailto:3600-3700Humphrey@towergroveheights.com)) so they can be contacted with your questions and concerns.

Mike asked if anyone had questions or problems. Speeding on Utah and potentially unstable large trees were discussed. He also asked for suggestions for future speakers/topics. A panel of realtors and a speaker on recycling were suggested. Other suggestions for speakers, as well as any suggestions for the website, can be e-mailed to Mike at [president@towergroveheights.com](mailto:president@towergroveheights.com)

**Bay Tran**, owner of Treehouse Restaurant and Tower Grove Heights resident, introduced herself. Treehouse specializes in vegetarian and vegan dishes, using seasonal ingredients and made from scratch. Currently the restaurant is open for dinner from 5-8pm Tuesday through Sunday, and for brunch Saturday and Sunday from 10-3pm. The future patio construction has gone through federal, state and city historic district approval. Go to [www.treehousestl.com](http://www.treehousestl.com) for more information, and contact Bay at [treehousebay@gmail.com](mailto:treehousebay@gmail.com) with any comments and suggestions for the restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.