

**Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
**November 25th, 2014** Convened: 7:15pm Adjourned: 8:20 pm 50 attendees

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

**Megan-Ellyia Green, 15<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman; Rachel Witt, Executive Director of South Grand Community Improvement District; and Jennifer Florida, Recorder of Deeds and former 15<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman gave the following updates on South Grand:**

- We will have a much greater police presence on South Grand as long as it is needed. STL Police are currently working 12-hour shifts and all vacation has been cancelled. Patrol cars will also be going up and down the alleys of the neighborhood since there was damage Monday night to properties and cars.
- There have been 21 arrests so far, and more will follow as police have an opportunity to review what has been captured on the cameras installed on South Grand.
- The STL Fire Department is well-prepared for all potential fires.
- The destruction on South Grand Monday night took place when police were drawn away to protesters at I-44. Twenty-one windows on South Grand were broken. Reverend Teresa Daniely said that the alley-side windows at St. John's Episcopal Church were also smashed. Please note that many businesses are boarded up that did not sustain damage.
- The Missouri very-low-interest loan program that is available to Ferguson businesses has been extended to Tower Grove businesses that sustained damage. People can call Representative Mike Colona's office at 573-751-6736 for more information.
- The Missouri Department of Insurance can assist businesses and individuals if they need to make a claim based on rioting and are having trouble making a claim. Call Mike Colona at the above number if you have questions.
- You can express your support for South Grand businesses in the following ways:
  - Help decorate the plywood on boarded-up businesses on South Grand. Paint and directions will be available at Gelateria.
  - Donate to South Grand to help businesses repair damage to their properties. Go to: <https://squareup.com/market/tge-neighborhood-charities-inc> and select "New-South Grand Business Support"
  - Shop and eat on South Grand!!

**Ellen Wilson** distributed some of the flyers for 100 Neediest Cases. Tower Grove Heights will be helping two families this year. The flyers, which will be distributed throughout the neighborhood, describe what the families need and where to drop off your donations. This information will also be included in the next Tower Grove Heights Gazette. Please contact Ellen at 314-221-8418 if you can help distribute flyers.

**Mike Newsham, President**

- After a brief discussion the membership voted to approve the proposed changes to the TGHNA bylaws.
- Mike explained that the board approved the Police Foundation donation of \$500 last month based on a recommendation approved by the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Police. The Police Foundation donation will go for police technology and training. We've made three other donations this year: \$500 to South Grand Medians, \$100 to South Grand movie nights, and \$100 to Tower Grove Farmers Market.
- A full financial report will be given at the January meeting, but Mike mentioned that we are in the black financially. As of the end of October our total assets were \$13,986.86.
- The ad-hoc Communications Committee, in charge of social media and the website, will become a standing committee in 2015 and will have the opportunity to elect their own chair. If you would like to be a member of this committee please send an e-mail to: [president@towergroveheights.com](mailto:president@towergroveheights.com)
- The block captains will have an opportunity next year to elect their own chair, who will represent the block captains at the executive board meetings. TGHNA will be re-instituting meetings of the TGH block captains next year.

The following slate of officers has been elected to the executive board for 2015:

Kelly Stout, President Elect  
Rick Stein, Treasurer  
Debra Knox Deiermann, Secretary  
Tricia Heliker, Membership Secretary

Metra Mitchell-Taylor, our current President-Elect, will succeed Mike Newsham as President of TGHNA in 2015.