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'Cars' cruises into Lafayette Park

By Jennifer Weston
Lafayette Square

For the second movie of the summer movie series, Movies in the Park proudly presents the Disney-Pixar animated movie *Cars* at 8 p.m. Aug. 23, with festivities starting at 6:30 p.m.

For those of you unfamiliar with the 2006 hit movie, *Cars* is about a rookie racecar named Lightning McQueen. McQueen is on his way to winning the Piston Cup and obtaining a lucrative deal with mega sponsor Dinoco.

But on the road to the final race, he accidentally takes a detour into Radiator Springs, a small and nearly abandoned town on the old Route 66 highway. Used to doing things on his own, McQueen slowly learns the value of teamwork and friendship. And the audience is reminded of how life was before the interstate highways were created.

Even those of you familiar with the movie *Cars* may not realize that many elements of the movie were based on real towns and places on old Route 66. The fictional town of Radiator Springs was based largely on three actual Route 66 towns that saw a rapid decline when the interstate replaced the former highway.

Several famous sites associated with Route 66 appear in the film, including the Wigwam motels in Arizona, the U-Drop Inn in Texas and the Cadillac Ranch.

Even the character Mater, the friendly but dimwitted tow truck, is based on an



Jennifer Weston photo

Don Terrill (right), LSRC V.P./President-Elect, stands by his 1955 Ford Panel Truck with Zachary Weston to promote the next feature for this year's Movies in the Park series, *Cars*, which shows in Lafayette Park Aug. 23.

International Harvester tow truck that still sits next to the original Route 66 in Galena, Kan.

Route 66 is especially relevant to our own town because it crossed through St. Louis, starting downtown and heading

southwest through the county.

Originally, Route 66 went down Manchester Road, but it was eventually rerouted down Watson Road, now named Route 366.

The creation of Highway 44 eliminated the need for many of the small businesses along the original Route 66. However, some original businesses remain to this day — one of the most popular being Ted Drewes Frozen Custard on Chippewa in south city.

Movies in the Park is going to showcase not only the movie *Cars* but also Route 66 in its pre-movie activities. Starting at 6:30 p.m., a fire truck and a police car will be on display for the children, along with many vintage cars courtesy of Lambda Car Club International and George Randall of Randall's Wine and Spirits.

There will also be other cars on display, some owned by residents of Lafayette Square. All vehicles will be parked on Mississippi Avenue near Lafayette Avenue.

Inside the park, there will be games, face painters, entertainment and activity books for the children. For the adults, there will be a Route 66 trivia contest, games, raffle and entertainment.

There will also be food and beverages sold by Vino Vitae Gourmet Wine Shop. The movie will begin at 8 p.m. Visit <http://moviesinthepark.org/sites/mitp> for more information.

The Movies in the Park Committee hopes to see you there!

Starr Triplett creates vacant building initiative

By Kacie Starr Triplett
6th Ward Alderman

Vacant buildings are an extremely large nuisance to our neighborhood. They serve as attractive locations for criminal activity, breeding grounds for insects and rodents, and welcome mats

for large mounds of trash and debris.

All these factors contribute to a decline in property values, which results in an unfair consequence to the neighbors who are considerate and who want to live in a nice and safe neighborhood.

Taking all these factors into consideration, I recently introduced board bill 174 at the Board of Aldermen, creating the St. Louis Vacant Building Initiative. This progressive legislation, modeled after the city of Chicago, offers a comprehensive approach to how the city targets and tracks vacant properties.

Holding absentee property owners responsible and accountable, this aggressive legislation informs negligent property owners that the city will no longer tolerate poorly maintained buildings left to rot and deteriorate our community. Several provisions of the



Image courtesy of Kacie Starr Triplett

Starr Triplett's vacant building initiative cracks down on negligent property owners.

bill are:

- Owners must register their vacant building with the city annually and pay an administrative fee for each property.

- Owners are required to post signage on building exterior, providing contact information for owner or authorized agent for the building.

- Owner is required to board and secure all entrances of vacant building.

- Owner is required to maintain liability insurance for vacant property.

- LRA properties, privately owned properties and properties foreclosed on by banks or mortgage companies are all subjected to the same guidelines specified in the legislation.

Let me know your thoughts about this piece of legislation. Several members of the Board of Aldermen have already agreed to serve as co-sponsors of the bill.

Together, we will work to promote our city neighborhoods as wonderful places to live, work and play.

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**Leadership roles up for grabs in upcoming LSRC elections**

By Pete Snyder
LSRC President

Each year, the LSRC reinvents itself by turning over nine of 16 board seats. This year is no exception, so we are looking for a few good folks who would be willing to step into a leadership role following the Oct. 14 general membership meeting.

Nominations will be taken for these positions at the Sept. 9 general membership meeting. The board positions we need to fill are:

V.P./President-Elect: a three-year commitment; first as vice president, then as president, and finally as past-president. The president is the spokesperson for Lafayette Square, sets the meeting agendas, keeps committees on track and serves as a host for visitors.

V.P. Development-Elect: a two-year commitment; the first becoming better versed in the historic code, and then as V.P. of development. This V.P. leads the committee that reviews proposals for development within the neighborhood and is caretaker of the historic code that keeps our neighborhood an historic, beautiful place.

Treasurer-Elect: a two-year commitment, the treasurer-elect steps into the treasurer's role in the second year.

V.P. Community Affairs: this is a one-year commitment, leading the Community Affairs Committee, which

sets its goals and objectives each year.

Membership Secretary: during this one-year commitment, the membership secretary will have the responsibility for collecting LSRC membership dues, maintaining the membership list and taking the minutes of the general membership meetings.

Secretary of the Board of Directors: a one-year commitment to take the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors for the LSRC. (The board meets on the third Tuesday of every month).

Director at Large: a two-year commitment, at-large members provide input and cast votes to help determine the future course of the LSRC. Directors at large may, but are not required to, assume other roles within the LSRC (for example, acting as the head of the welcome or other ad hoc committees). There are three director-at-large positions open.

In addition to these nine LSRC board positions, there are two at-large seats open on the seven-person **Development Committee**. At-large development committee members are elected for a two-year term.

Please let me know if you are interested in any of the above listed positions. I'd welcome your participation. You can contact me at PeteS@Snyder-Workman.com or by calling 773-6300.

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It is the goal of this publication and those who support it to bring you the news about your neighborhood each month. This is your news, and we want to do our best to bring it to you in the most accurate and professional manner possible. So if you have something you'd like us to include, feel free to contact us. We're always happy to accept article submissions, photos, press releases or story ideas from anywhere in our coverage area, and we'll do our best to include them.

As your community newspaper, we want your contributions and input. So keep us informed and we'll do the same for you.

— Laura McCarthy, editor
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LSBA News: Banners, brochures improve marketing efforts

By Matt Brazelton
LSBA President

The LSBA was busy early this summer preparing for our Spring House Tour and summer visitors! The new fleur de lys flags and the new neighborhood brochures help spotlight Lafayette Square businesses and our neighborhood.

We have received many positive comments concerning the new flags gracing our storefronts. Each participating business contributed and bought a flag and pole to display on their storefronts to let people know they are open and ready for business. The flags also give the streetscape animation to draw visitors in and identify our businesses located throughout the neighborhood.

We still have a few flags and poles available for those businesses that would like to participate in the program. I would like to thank Linda Martus and John Schwaig for initiating this project and Roy Peterson and Mike Petetit for helping me install the flags.

I hope everyone has had a chance to check out the new Lafayette Square brochures for the businesses as well. They turned out fantastic! They were distributed at the house tour and are currently distributed in each of our local businesses. They will be going into all the visitor centers in the city and area hotels as well.

A big thank you to April Breeden for heading up the brochure project. I would also like to thank Bobbi Brinkman and Bobbi Brinkman Photography for donating all the wonderful photos. Other members of the group that were of great help were Lisa Stillman, Rachel Witt and Tina Kim. This was

a great group to work with, which made creating this brochure easy and fun. I would also like to thank Wayne White and Studio 2108 in creating the brochure and Trio Printing for printing them. These brochures will be updated on a yearly basis.

We would also like to congratulate Schwaig Art Glass Works and B. Derton Studios on the Mayor's Spirit of St Louis Award. The Spirit of St. Louis Award recognizes businesses that make major expansions or improvements in our city, innovative new businesses that open in the city of St. Louis, as well as major city projects. The award was presented by Mayor Francis Slay on June 19.

I am also proud to announce that our building, 1709 - 1711 Park Ave., received a 2008 Landmarks Award for one of the best historic restorations in the city. The award was presented in early June 2008.

The LSBA is working hard to create an exciting, vibrant and safe neighborhood to be enjoyed by visitors and residents alike. We have more exciting events we are working on and will be updating you on those in the next few weeks. The next LSBA meeting is at 8 a.m. on Aug. 7 at Bailey's Chocolate Bar. All local business owners are invited to attend.



Block parties set for National Night Out

By Pete Snyder
LSRC President

The LSRC is sponsoring seven neighborhood "block parties" during National Night Out on Aug. 5. Each block party is a "pot luck," wherein attendees are asked to bring a dish that they can share.

The LSRC is providing funds for meats (burgers, hot dogs, etc), water/soda and paper goods. Attendees need to bring any other beverages of choice.

All Lafayette Square residents are encouraged to attend the block party closest to them. Sites include (site coordinator is in parenthesis):

- Northwest quadrant, 1200 block Missouri (Julie Stone)
- West of Lafayette Park, 1500 block

Missouri (Don Owens and Pat Hoffman)

- South of Lafayette Park, 1700 block Waverly (Lacey Dean and Liz Lohman)
- East of Lafayette Park, 1800 block Kennett (Danita Davis)
- Southeast quadrant, 1600 block Carroll (Mitch Hunt)
- North of Lafayette Park, 2000 block Rutger (Ron Taylor)
- Northeast quadrant, 1800 block LaSalle (Mark and Terry Etling)

Special thanks go out to each of the coordinators for their leadership in giving us one more excuse to party. And thanks to Don Owens and the LSRC Security Committee for overseeing the National Night Out evening in Lafayette Square.

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Area schools in need as fall semester approaches

By Jeanette Mott Oxford
State Representative, 59th District

The new school year is just around the corner. I will be kicking off the second year of my Surrounding Our Schools with Care initiative (SOS Care) in August. One part of the process is to share wish lists from schools in the 59th district. Here are lists I have received so far.

From Kottmeyer Big Picture School, 1530 S. Grand:

- T-Shirts (school clubs and school spirit to help enhance a sense of belonging),
- 60 blazers for students to wear when they need to dress professionally,
- Funding for the Sistakeepers Program (support and leadership group for young women),
- Laser printers (at least six needed),
- Smartboards for every classroom (8),

- 100 three-ring binders with clear sheet protectors to create work portfolios,
- Colored construction paper,
- LCD projectors for each class (8),
- Clear plastic sheet protectors,
- Bus tickets to get to internship sites,
- Books for Boys to Men program (character books, etc.),
- Library books (fiction, nonfiction, reference),

- Books on c.d. for auditory learners,
- Guest speakers (speak on a specific profession, education, motivational speaking),

- Funding for culturally enriching field trips (symphony, theatre, fine dining, art museums, etc.),

- Funding for team building activities (camping, ropes courses, etc.), and
- Learning Through Interest/Internship opportunities.

From Shenandoah Elementary School, 3412 Shenandoah:

- Children's books, and
- Boys and girls underwear or socks (new, in sealed packages).

From Roosevelt High School, 3230 Hartford:

- Three-ring binders (three inch, white preferred),
- Fans to come cheer at home football games, and
- Community Task Force members.

Please call me at 771-8882 for more information. In addition, you are welcome to support students from our community by donating to or volunteering at the Aug. 16 Back to School Fair at Joint Neighborhood Ministry (JNM), 2911 McNair. Call Joan Hensley, JNM director, at 771-3987 for a list of needed items.



LSRC Notes: Chair needed for Holiday House Tour

By Pete Snyder
LSRC President

• The Aug. 12 LSRC General Membership meeting (7 p.m. at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church) will feature several presentations regarding recent developments in Lafayette Square. Every corner of the neighborhood has exciting developments, and the area in between Chouteau and Park avenues and Dolman Street will be seeing even more activity. Come to the meeting and see what's happening in your neighborhood.

• Ian Stallman, understudy to Mark and Terry Etling during the 2008 Spring

House & Garden Tour, has stepped up to chair the 2009, 40th Anniversary event. The best thanks that we can give Ian for volunteering for the event is our continued support when he calls for volunteers for the 2009 Spring House & Garden Tour.

• We are still looking for a volunteer to chair the 2008 Holiday Tour. Please contact Pete Snyder at PeteS@Snyder-Workman.com or 773-6300 with any questions or suggestions.

• The August after-meeting social will be hosted by Carol and David Fisher, 2340 Park Ave., immediately following the general membership meeting on Aug. 12.

2nd annual Urban Health Fair & Market set for September

Health-conscious St. Louisans will have the unique opportunity to access resources and businesses in the city that promote healthy lifestyles at the second annual Urban Health Fair & Market, held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Lafayette Square business district, on Park Avenue, between 18th Street and Mississippi Avenue.

The event features complimentary acupuncture, nervous system scans, massage, fitness tests and contests, yoga demonstrations, healthy pet products, essential oils, nutritional supplements and health (and *taste*) conscious food choices.

Music will be provided by Jane Godfrey and Saved by Chaos, dance by Los Flamencos, art by Cbabi Bayoc and more to be announced.

The day includes health-focused children's activities as well, including weight lifting demonstrations by youth from Lift for Life Gym.

The Urban Health Fair & Market is organized and presented by the Urban Health Initiative, a group of independent city business owners whose services, products and clientele are wellness-focused. The mission of the Urban Health Initiative is to: promote health and wellness education and lifestyles in the city of St. Louis, increase access to preventative and holistic healthcare options in St. Louis city, and unite and empower wellness-focused professionals serving the St. Louis community.

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Serving up Goodwill:

One year after attack, Ricardo's employee doing well and happy to be at work

By Stephanie Rea
Marquis contributor

Family-owned Ricardo's Italian Café, located on 1931 Park Avenue in historic Lafayette Square, has reason to be proud. In the July 2008 issue of *St. Louis Magazine*, the restaurant was named "A-List" for casual Italian food, and in 2007, *Restaurant Hospitality Magazine* awarded Ricardo's with the honor of best short wine list in America.

It is clear that the restaurant has maintained a high reputation for its food and service over the past 19 years, but many don't know the extent of Ricardo's generosity and kindness bestowed to its employees. In fact, employee Kenny Smith would not be where he is today without the help of the restaurant's owners, Mark and Michelle Adams.

Thanks to the training and job placement of MERS/Goodwill with funding through Vocational Rehabilitation, Smith was excited to begin his new position at Ricardo's as a dishwasher and food-prep one year ago this month. Because of a developmental disability, Smith was accepted into the life-long retention/follow-along program where he would receive employment support through MERS/Goodwill for the remainder of his life. Still, he was confident that the job at Ricardo's would be his next step to independence, and the Adams were happy to have him on board.

However, after two weeks on the job, while waiting for the evening bus, a man came up behind him and stabbed Smith in the chest, stealing his jacket, cell phone,

a few dollars and his bus passes. In recalling the gruesome event, he doesn't remember much, but was able to flag down a car that called 911. Doctors performed emergency surgery to repair a hole in his heart, a result of the stab wound. Although recovery would not be easy, Smith would find out that he had strong support to help him pull through.

In fact, while in the hospital for the next two and a half weeks, Mark and Michelle Adams personally delivered Smith's favorite lasagna, much to his delight. In addition, the Adams also put flyers up in the restaurant to notify patrons about their dishwasher, asking for donations to help pay for the health costs and the items stolen from Smith and to keep him in their prayers. "People just started asking if they could give money to help out," Michelle said.

By bringing in an Adams' family member to do dishes and prep food, the restaurant was able to hold Smith's job open, and at the



Photo courtesy of MERS/Goodwill

MERS/Goodwill client Kenny Smith was stabbed and mugged on his way home from work a year ago this month. Today he is thankful to Ricardo's Italian Cafe for helping through his recovery.

end of the donation drive, the establishment raised almost \$1000. When Smith returned to work almost six and a half weeks later, the restaurant granted him a new coat, an iPod, new bus passes, a new id, a cell phone and made him an appointment at Good Feet to get some foot inserts to aid his feet during work.

"We just love him. He's become a part of the family," Michelle said, and added that Smith is also regularly invited to family events and barbecues.

Ricardo's Italian Café exemplifies the

ideal relationship with a MERS/Goodwill client. "They said they would take 10,000 Kenny's," said Trish Reidy, Smith's case-worker. Without the help of Ricardo's, Kenny Smith may not have dreamed of the possibility of going to college one day. In fact, he wants to study criminal justice, but maintains that he wanted this career even before he was a victim of a violent crime. "My brothers said I wanted to be a cop since I was five years old," Smith noted. Since it is doubtful that the criminal will be caught, Smith has been moved to the day shift and feels lucky to have people at his job who really care. "I am happy and proud of myself too," he said. The Adams now drive him home from work.

Ricardo's has since hired another MERS/Goodwill client who is hard of hearing. "Our employees are trying to learn sign language now," Michelle said. "It is inspiring to see the milestones [our MERS/Goodwill employees] have made and how happy they are to be at work."

MERS/Goodwill is a non-profit agency that provides for the vocational needs of individuals who have barriers to employment through disability or economic disadvantage. It operates 22 rehabilitation centers serving more than 10,000 people from 50 counties in the bi-state region. For more information about MERS/Goodwill's many programs or to find a Goodwill donation site near you, call 241-3464 or visit the Web site at www.mersgoodwill.org.

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Neighboring garden wins its first Gateway Greening award

By Tom Hockett
Benton Park

The English Cave Community Garden in Benton Park won an award in an annual competition held by the St. Louis nonprofit organization Gateway Greening.

The garden, located at 1960 Provenchere Place in the south St. Louis neighborhood of Benton Park, won second place in the New Garden category of Gateway Greening's 2008 Urban Garden Competition. It's the first award for the garden, which is in the midst of its second season of operation.

"I'm very thrilled to have earned second place," said Bill Kranz, a garden planner and Benton Park resident. "It's great recognition for the garden and neighborhood."

The award was announced July 1, and the English Cave gardeners were presented with a certificate, outdoor decorative frog, gardening books and a tan woven basket.

"Everyone involved in the garden deserves a big round of applause," Kranz said. "The award is for all the people who help make the garden beautiful."

The English Cave Community Garden is on a 14,000-square-foot lot that is owned by the city of St. Louis. In 2006, the Benton Park Neighborhood Association petitioned the city to lease the land for public use and was awarded a five-year lease. The garden contains decorative plants and plots for neighborhood residents to grow fruits and vegetables.



Robert LaRouche photo

Benton Park residents and garden planners Marion Davies (left) and Bill Kranz display the second place award for New Garden bestowed upon the neighborhood's English Cave Community Garden by Gateway Greening.

Visit <http://www.bentonpark.org/> to learn more about the garden and the Benton Park neighborhood. Visit www.gatewaygreening.org to learn more

about Gateway Greening.

The Benton Park Neighborhood Association is 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Lafayette Park Grotto gardens recognized by Gateway Greening

On June 28, Gateway Greening held its annual Urban Garden Tour and Awards Luncheon. This year, the Grotto gardens on the Mississippi side of Lafayette Park were selected as one of the community gardens for the tour.

About 100 people visited the Grotto to view the ornamental community garden started many years ago by Ruth Kamphoefner. On occasion, you will still find Ruth and her daughter Carol working in the gardens.

Currently, Pat Barber, Ward Buckner, Susan Pinker-Dodd, Marsha Lane and I have assumed responsibility for various sections of the Grotto. Wednesday and Saturday mornings are regular workdays at the Grotto. Volunteer gardeners are always welcome.

The awards luncheon was held at the Missouri Botanical Garden. There are about 170 Community Gardens in the St. Louis area. 140 of these gardens produce food.

Margaret Howard received an Outstanding Bed award for her garden in the Lafayette Square Community Garden. The Grotto in Lafayette Park won third place in the Ornamental Garden division.

In the Best Backyard Garden category, there were two Lafayette Square winners: Amy Harkins received an Honorable Mention, and I was honored to receive third place. Lafayette Square Community Garden was recognized for its "hunky" Scare Crow.

-Carolyn Willmore

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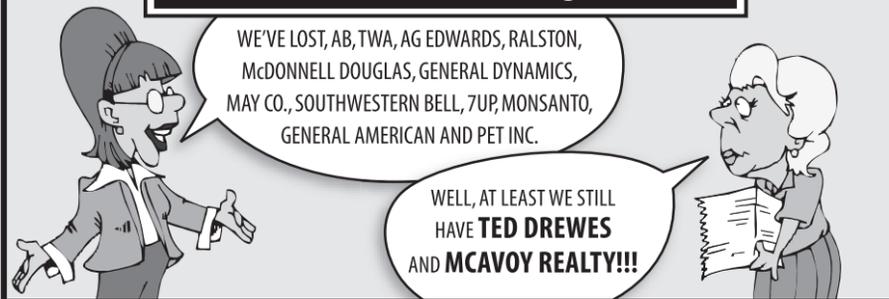
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Welcome to Oz

A fun-filled evening for kids and adults alike kicked off the Movies in the Park summer series on July 23 with the classic film, 'The Wizard of Oz.'



Below: Original "munchkin" and St. Louis resident Mickey Carroll stopped by for photos and was greeted by 63rd District State Representative Robin Wright Jones and Sixth Ward Aldermann Kacie Starr Triplett.



Staff photos

Above: "Dorothy" (Jennifer Weston) and her pal the "Scarecrow" (Scott Skinner) visit with Lafayette Square residents, kids and visitors before showtime.

Top left: Mickey Carroll poses with "Good Witch" Ali Hannan and "Bad Witch" Katie Hannan, granddaughters of Square residents Rita and Steve Kelley.

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First annual Mug Crawl kicks off Soulard Oktoberfest celebration

By Kim Gordon
Soulard Oktoberfest

"Hebe hoch dei Bierglass" — that's German for "lift high your beer glass" — it's time to start celebrating the Soulard Oktoberfest Mug Crawl.

The first annual Soulard Oktoberfest Mug Crawl takes place Aug. 16 through Oct. 5 at an array of Soulard bars and restaurants.

With the purchase of a commemorative Oktoberfest 20-oz. stein for \$6, patrons can endlessly fill their mugs at participating Soulard bars and restaurants for discounted refills on a variety of featured beers.

The Mug Crawl begins Aug. 16 and culminates with the fifth annual Oktoberfest — the fastest growing Oktoberfest in America — which will be

held in Soulard Oct. 3 through 5.

"The Soulard Mug Crawl offers patrons the opportunity to enjoy a total Soulard Experience," explains Tom Gullickson, owner of 1860 Saloon and Hardshell Cafe. "With mug in hand, revelers can visit an array of Soulard establishments and partake in a cornucopia of food, drink and entertainment. The Soulard Oktoberfest Mug Crawl will help recapture the camaraderie, fellowship and fun of Strassenfest."

The Soulard Oktoberfest Mug Crawl will also help fill the void left by the announcement last February of the folding of Strassenfest — a St. Louis tradition that took place downtown in August for the past 35 years.

The seven-week Oktoberfest Mug Crawl is a partnership with 105.7 The Point and offers an unprecedented opportunity to sample a variety of specialty beers at discounted prices. The crawl begins at noon on Aug. 16, with a live 105.7 The Point remote, with prizes at the corner of Ninth Street and Geyer Avenue.

"The Point is thrilled to be teaming up with Soulard Oktoberfest to maximize awareness of this fantastic festival while promoting the first annual Soulard Oktoberfest Mug Crawl," says Kelly Jones, director of new business development at The Point. "This is a great opportunity to encourage Point listeners to explore the many fine pubs and restaurants sprinkled throughout the Soulard neighborhood."



Photo courtesy of Soulard Oktoberfest

The official 'Bierglass' of Soulard Oktoberfest is available at participating Soulard establishments.

Oktoberfest spokesperson Victor Wendl explains that the pre-celebration of Oktoberfest is a centuries-old German tradition.

"Americans have a tradition of throwing bachelor and bachelorette parties before weddings, in Germany we apply that same pre-party celebration to Oktoberfest," says Wendl, whose grandfather founded the German Cultural Society in St. Louis to help preserve and advance German culture and customs. "The Soulard Oktoberfest Mug Crawl is a great way to kick-off the Oktoberfest celebration," he added.

Highlights of this year's Oktoberfest include internationally renowned

German band Chikeria, the Grammy-winning rock/polka band Brave Combo, the Obenheimer Express from Alsace and the legendary Soulard Blues Band — not to mention a cornucopia of authentic German food, including a traditional German Oktoberfest dinner and dozens of other special events.

This year, the Soulard Oktoberfest will showcase the authentic German food found at the historic Munich Oktoberfest, such as fantastic bratwurst and potato pancakes with applesauce.

In keeping with the Munich Oktoberfest tradition, the Soulard Oktoberfest will also feature three tents and areas sponsored by the Hofbrau and Spaten Breweries of Munich and Anheuser-Busch.

Anheuser-Busch is also sponsoring their own fest area called Anheuser-Busch Platz, which features the Budweiser stage, the Clydesdales, a 200-liter beer keg, beer lectures by AB Brewmeisters and the beautiful Oktoberfest Frauleins.

"The addition of the Soulard Oktoberfest Mug Crawl, and the combination of authentic German food and our first class entertainment acts, will make the event a fantastic party," Wendl says. "Grab your commemorative mug and raise high your glass. Willkommen to Oktoberfest. Prost!"

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Market chefs share summer favorites

As seen at your favorite farmers' market on Saturday mornings this summer for the Chefs at the Market program, here are some recipes from the talented chefs of Soulard. **Russell Byers** of Soulard's Restaurant and **Mike Risk** of the 9th Street Deli provide some of their summer hits.

Chef Russell Byers presents:

Cucumber Gazpacho with Dill Cream

2 tbsp unsalted butter
 4 cups basic chicken stock
 1/2 cup chopped onions
 2 cups heavy cream
 1 tbsp minced garlic
 1/4 cup peeled & chopped tomatoes (1 or 2 tomatoes)
 2 tbsp chopped fresh dill
 1/2 cup dill cream
 1 1/2 tsp salt
 16 sprigs fresh dill
 1 tsp pepper
 3 cups peeled, seeded and thinly sliced cucumbers (about 2 large)
 Melt the butter in a large soup pot over high heat and then add the onions, garlic, dill, salt, and pepper and sauté, stirring for about 2 minutes. Stir in the cucumbers and sauté for 1 minute.

Stir in the stock, cream, and tomatoes and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 25 minutes. Remove from the heat.

While the soup is simmering, prepare the Dill cream.

Puree the soup mixture in a food processor or blender, cool soup and refrigerate for several hours.

To serve, allow about 1 cup of soup per portion. Add a dollop of the Dill cream to each, and garnish with 2 sprigs of dill.

Dill Cream:
 1/2 cup sour cream
 1/2 tsp salt
 3 tbsp chopped fresh dill
 1/4 tsp pepper
 2 tbsp finely minced shallots
 2 tbsp dry white wine
 Combine the sour cream, dill, shallots, salt, and pepper in a small bowl and mix well. Add the wine and blend until thoroughly incorporated. Serve immediately or store, refrigerated in an airtight container for two days.

You can grab more of Chef Russell Byers' delights at Soulard's Restaurant, located at 1731 South Seventh St.

Chef Mike Risk features:

Tomato, Onion, Cucumber Salad w/ Crumbled Gorgonzola

2 tomatoes (cubed)
 1 cucumber (peeled, seeded and cubed)
 1 red or yellow onion (chopped)
 crumbled gorgonzola (amount per personal preference)
 1/4 cup black pepper vinaigrette (see below)

Combine all into mixing bowl. Toss, add crumbled gorgonzola on top and serve.

Black Pepper Vinaigrette:

1 cup red wine vinegar
 3/4 cup sugar
 1 tsp salt
 1 tsp freshly ground or cracked pepper
 1/2 tsp chopped garlic
 1 cup corn oil
 Add all ingredients into mixing bowl except corn oil and mix. Slowly whisk mixture, adding oil until emulsified.

9th Street Deli is located at 900 Shenandoah.



Image courtesy of Marbles Gallery

Fine Fiberarts

Artists Ken Howard, Lois Lutes and Susan Oviatt exhibit stitched paper and fiberworks in "Piecework," showing at Marbles Gallery, 1905 Park Ave., Aug. 4 through Sept. 7. An opening reception for the artists is scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 9.

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Bike trail to roll through Soulard

By Phyllis Young
Seventh Ward Alderman

Many of us have enjoyed the Riverfront Trail that runs along the river from Laclede's Landing north for 13 miles to the Chain of Rocks Bridge.

I have been working for a number of years with the Board of Public Service (BPS) to extend the trail south into Soulard and beyond.

That linkage is important as a recreational asset and to provide a safer connection for those of us who bike through the area. We have a federal grant that will make that linkage a reality.

The route selected will be an on-street bicycle route with associated enhancements. This means that along the way there could be rest areas or places with benches for taking a break.

At some locations, bike racks could be conveniently located to allow for shopping experiences in neighborhood retail locations.

The proposed route will run south from Biddle Street along Leonor Sullivan Boulevard to Chouteau Avenue. From there the route would proceed west to Third Street, where

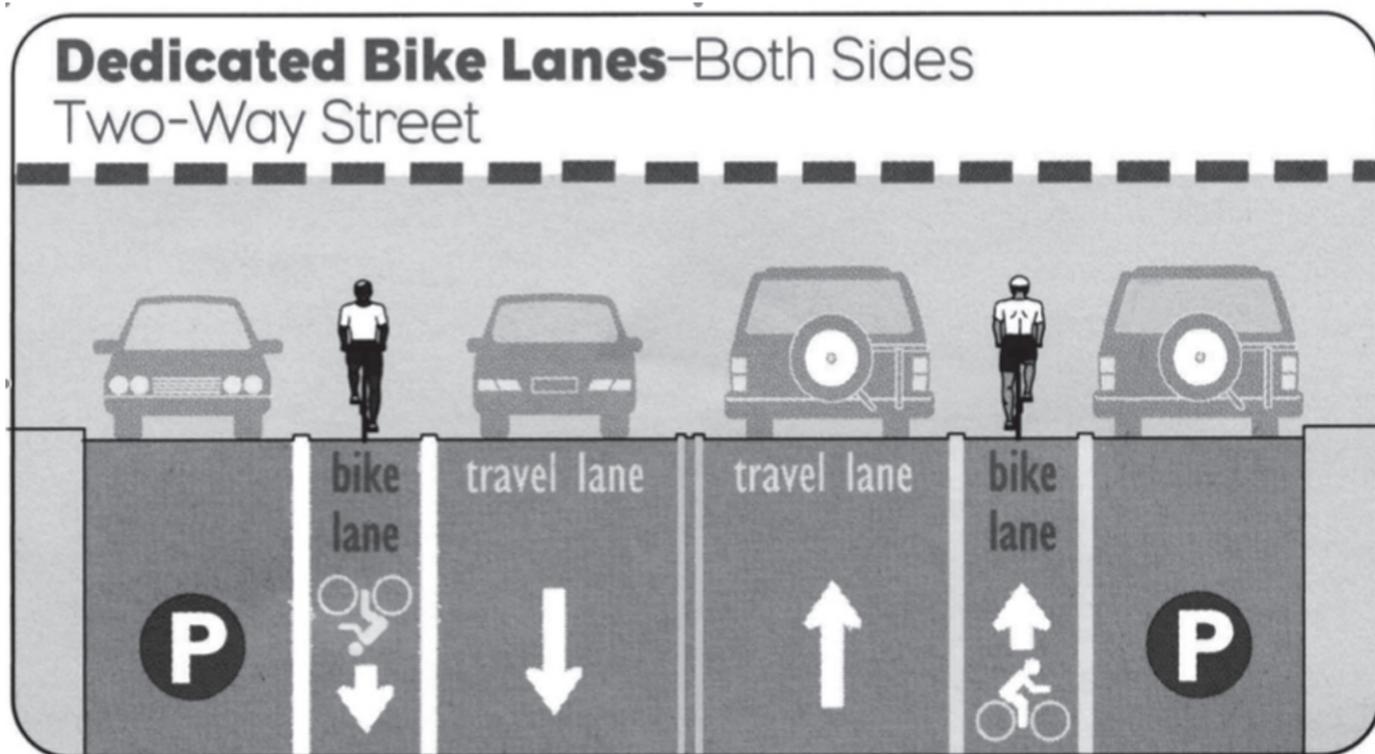


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The above illustration demonstrates the flow for car and bicycle traffic on a street with dedicated bike lanes, much like the current lane striping around Lafayette Park.

it would then turn south to Lafayette Avenue. From Lafayette, it would likely proceed west to Ninth Street, and from there turn south to Russell Boulevard. Plans are to continue it through Soulard and the adjacent neighborhoods eventually ending at Minniewood Park, which is the park across from Walgreen's on South Broadway near Gasconade Street.

I have worked with BPS a long time to find a safe means of coming south through the industrial area of Kosciusko.

Many streets and routes were considered; however, I have worked with the new owners of the former Nooter site, Doug Kirberg of Kirberg Roofing and Garrick Hamilton of Koman Properties to get an agreement on rededicating Third Street to the city as a public street. That allows the street to be used for the bike route and for public purposes.

Surveying, acquisitions, and other legal issues are currently being

completed so that construction can begin in the spring. Total cost for the project is approximately \$768,000.

Bike trails such as this provide an option for both recreation and transportation in this era of expensive gas.

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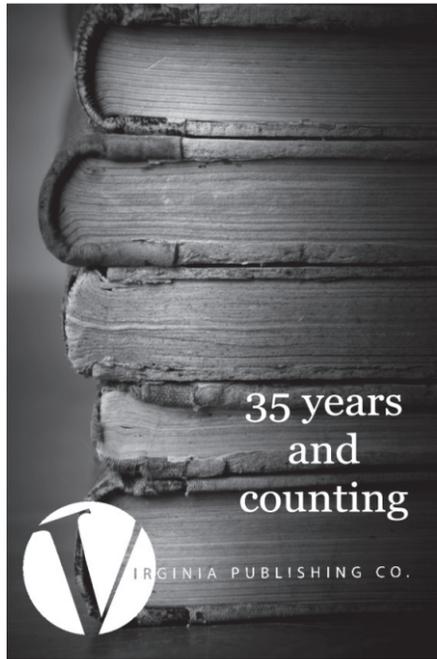
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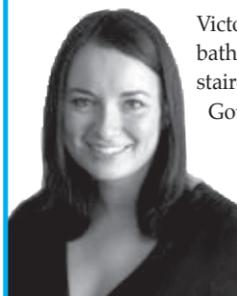


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805 RUSSELL \$200,000
Sharp renovated two family in Souldard. 1 bedroom unit with new granite and stainless steel kitchen, new bathroom plus a 3 story townhome unit with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths.



2112 WAVERLY \$199,000
Features include pocket doors, high ceilings, stained glass, wet bar and a dramatic sitting room at the top of the stairs. Located in the McKinley Heights Historic District this Victorian 3 story is a great value with over 3000 sq. ft. of living space and a 2 car garage.



2040 RUSSELL \$195,000
Brick two-family with a 1 bed & 1 bath first floor apartment; 2nd and 3rd floor are a 4 BR 1 bath unit with an attached greenhouse! 2 story carriage house has great potential for another unit. A must see!



3112 TEXAS AVE \$175,000
Fantastic gut rehab in incredibly convenient location. Brand new hardwood floors, stainless appliances, granite countertops, roof, HVAC, plumbing and electric. All this and a private yard with a two car garage!!



#16 RIVERWOOD ESTATES \$184,900
This gorgeous top floor CWE condo features amenities including an attached 2 car garage, great wood deck, excellent landscaping, a 1st floor den (32 x 22)!!! 2 large bedrooms, a breakfast room, skylights, bay windows, and a large lot.



5116 PENNSYLVANIA \$129,900
Nice 4-family in a quiet location just north of Bates and Highway 55. Each unit has hardwood flooring in living room and bedroom. Gas stove and refrigerator provided. Laundry facilities available. Updates to different units such as new windows/new electric panel, updated kitchen and bath



2861 WISCONSIN \$98,500
2BR 1.5 bath completely rehabbed Benton Park gems! Blocks from Souldard, The Venice Café, Niche etc. 1350 square ft, located in a cul-de-sac, a few houses from the park. Great attention to detail! Call Scott Maddux for more information (314) 369-3786



4248 GILES AVE. \$95,000
All brick 2 bedroom 1 bath Tudor in Dutchtown neighborhood. Stained glass, nice corner lot, separate LR & DR, enclosed back porch. Call Scott Maddux for more information (314) 369-3786.

CONDOMINIUM/CLUSTER HOMES



5635 WATERMAN \$239,900
3 bedroom, 2 bath unit, the largest floorplan in the building! Light filled living with tons of thermal windows. Newer hardwood floors. Updated kitchen with stainless appliances and granite countertops.



4256 LINDELL \$209,900
This gorgeous top floor CWE condo features an elegant neutral decor and an abundance of natural light. 2 BR, 2 BA, bay windows, private balcony, oversized fireplace mantle, secured entrance, 1 car garage space. Prime location for Barnes and SLU hospitals.



3635 HUMPHREY \$169,000
Beautiful condos in a great location. Walk to all the restaurants and shops on grand South Grand. 6 units available. Several different layouts to choose from, each unique. Starting from \$189,000 2 or 3 bedroom units available, off-street parking. Call Jennifer Bobo (314) 753-5046.



4101 SHENANDOAH \$167,500
2 bedroom, 2 bath Condos with amazing woodwork. Large dining room with beamed ceilings. New kitchen with maple cabinetry, center island/breakfast bar, Jefferson window access to a covered deck



5653 WATERMAN \$159,900
3rd floor unit overlooking the pool! Maple kitchen with breakfast bar, quartz countertops and stainless appliances. In unit laundry, secured gated off-street parking, 2 bedroom, 1 bath.