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## Another one in the books

### Mild weather helps bring more than 1,200 people to Holiday Parlor Tour

By Terry Linhardt  
Lafayette Square

On Dec. 14, Lafayette Square hosted its 35th annual Holiday Parlor Tour. More than 1,200 people from around the region took advantage of mild temperatures to enjoy the event. In addition, tour groups from both Illinois and Kentucky arrived by chartered bus to enjoy the homes and events.

Eleven area homes were decorated and open for the festivities. These included some homes that had never before been on the Holiday Tour, plus some traditional favorites that have been on tour in prior years.

In addition, the Lafayette Park Methodist Church, which celebrates its 120th anniversary this year, was open to visitors. In addition to being decorated, the church presented organ recitals a couple of times during the afternoon.

In addition to the homes open for tour, many merchants in the Lafayette Park area opened their doors, with many featuring day-of-tour specials for the visitors to the area.

Although most visitors walked from home to home, some also took advantage of the free horse-drawn carriage rides that were available. The leisurely pace of the carriage permitted visitors to see the area in a way that was reminis-

cent of the late 1800s.

This year the tour also hosted a group from the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association. The carolers added a festive note to the day as they strolled from home to home, singing popular carols as they made way around the Square.

As in prior years, the success of the event was made possible by a large cadre of volunteers, who undertook the various tasks necessary to ensure that the event was well publicized and then did the various tasks on the day of the tour to make sure that everything went smoothly. An after-tour celebration for parlor tour volunteers was hosted by SqWires Restaurant. Approximately 140 volunteers took part in the festivities at SqWires.

Revenues for the parlor tour totaled approximately \$22,000, which exceeded projections by approximately \$4,500. Expenses were in line with budget expectations and were approximately \$8,800.

These revenues are used to fund various projects within the Lafayette Square area, as decided by the membership of the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee.

Photo courtesy of Merry Dahms

**Bethany Spalding (left), Merry Dahms and Carol Fisher dress in period clothes for the 2008 Holiday Parlor Tour.**



## January is time to consider the 'other' women's cancer

By Carrie Koenig  
Marquis contributor

It's cold outside and it's time to take off your pink shirts and learn about another women's cancer to tell your friends about in

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**February Marquis Deadline:**  
Wednesday, Feb. 4

the New Year. January is Cervical Health Awareness Month.

Some of you knew my mom, Mari Koenig. She was a resident of the Square for several years and my best friend. Despite being a very smart woman herself and encouraging me to become a doctor, she regrettably died of a largely preventable cancer in May. For over 20 years she did not think that Pap smears were important. Her death has challenged me to educate people about cervical cancer and to challenge them not to be quiet about their Paps!

Since the invention of the Pap test by Dr. Georgios Papanicolaou (Dr. Pap, get it?) over 50 years ago, the incidence of cervical cancer has decreased in the United States by 70 percent. It was once the most deadly cancer for women in the United States, now it is the 13th. It is still the second most common cancer among women worldwide.

Still in 2008, 11,070 new cases of cervical cancer were detected in the U.S. and 3,870 women died from it. Pap smears have the potential to detect changes on the cervix before they turn into cancer and

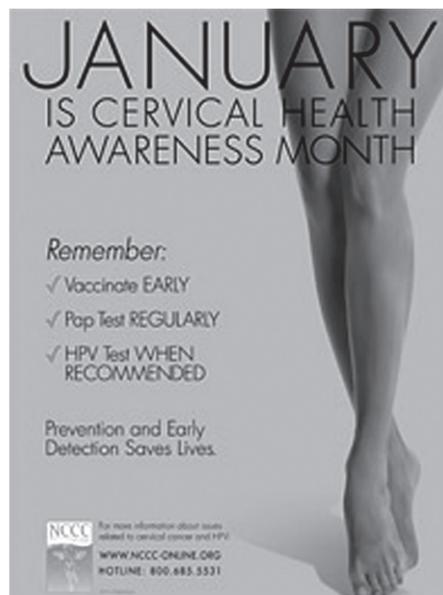


Image courtesy of the National Cervical Cancer Coalition

when they can still be easily removed.

Even more exciting is the development of the HPV vaccine Gardasil. This is a novel approach to cancer prevention: a vaccine! Nearly all cervical cancers are

caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). This is a common virus that is transmitted sexually; so common, in fact, that 80 percent of all women will have contracted the virus by the age of 50.

The vaccine is most helpful if given to women or girls before the onset of any sexual activity. So consider vaccinating yourself or your daughters! Tell your friends about it. Do not hide your head in the sand; chances are you and your loved ones are at risk.

My mom told me near the end of her life that she wanted to enroll in a cancer study. I told her she was too weak. She argued, "but if I could just help one person..." I'm trying to step in where she could not and help more than just one person.

Do your part: Get your regular Pap test yearly or as recommended by your doctor. Vaccinate — Gardasil is widely available for females ages 9 to 26. Encourage your friends to do the same.

I'd be happy to answer questions, or to speak for civic groups or women's organizations about the prevention and detection of cervical cancer. You can also learn more at [www.nccc-online.org](http://www.nccc-online.org)

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

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# New year offers new opportunities to help

By Don Terrill  
LSRC President

Happy New Year! The holidays are over and reality has returned to our lives. For those of us in Lafayette Square reality can be a good thing. The LSRC Board of Directors will be busy with the passage of this year's budget, working with the Park Conservancy to make the heart of our community even more beautiful, completing the gazebo addition to the Park House, preparing for the garden tour and working with the Arts Council to make this summer's concert series better than ever.

Despite the economic conditions surrounding us right now there is still room for optimism in Lafayette Square.

Three great organizations — LSRC, LPC and Arts Council — are loaded with neighbors and friends who have no limit in energy when it comes to making things better! One of our first objectives this year needs to be increasing the membership in all three groups, a process involving educating our neighbors concerning what we do and how we do it. Most importantly we need to let everyone know how important it is for them to be a part of what happens in their and our neighborhood.

There's the Stone House, the Edge, Boat House, Benton statue, cannons and so much more to be accomplished in the coming year. Anyone reading this newspaper can help: get active and join. Be a positive force! See you at the meetings.

# Remember your pets during the cold weather

With the cold weather nipping at the noses and ears of people throughout St. Louis, everyone wants to be warm and cozy, including our four-legged friends. With that in mind, here is the city of St. Louis ordinance on humane treatment of dogs and cats. Let's keep those animals comfortable!

## Improper tethering, confinement and treatment of dogs or cats

The following details specific definitions of improper tethering, confinement and treatment of dogs or cats prohibited by the ordinance:

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- Tether a dog or cat outdoors under conditions where the animal or tether

can become entangled on the tether, another animal or some other object or where the tether can restrict the animal's access to suitable, edible and sufficient food, clean water and appropriate shelter.

- Tether a dog or cat outdoors in unsafe or unsanitary conditions or when said tether does not allow the animal to defecate or urinate in an area separate from the areas where it must eat, drink or lie down.

- Fail to provide the dog or cat with sanitary living conditions including shelter proper for the species and sufficient to protect the animal from extreme temperatures, wind, rain, snow and sun.

- Maliciously and knowingly restrain a dog or cat using a metal chain, tether, or metal wire grossly in excess of the size necessary to restrain a dog or cat safely.

All dogs and cats shall be treated humanely and shall not:

- Be beaten, tormented, overworked, neglected or cruelly treated, except that reasonable force may be used to drive off vicious animals.

- Be induced or encouraged to perform through the use of chemical, mechanical, electrical or manual devices which may cause physical injury or suffering.



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# Start anew with LPUMC Spring is on the way

By Debra Crowe  
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

This year, rather than promising yourself that you're going to change the way you *live* — eat less, exercise more; worry less, sleep more — why not do something that can really change your *life*? Come visit us at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church. The experience may change you in more ways than you can imagine.

Explore the Bible and its teachings in Sunday morning worship. At 8 a.m., there is a service geared towards those desiring a more contemporary approach. The tone is casual and relaxed. Or come at 10 a.m. for a more traditional service. At 9 a.m., Sunday school classes are available for all age groups. In New Beginnings, the adult class, you'll have the chance to discuss how the Church is relevant to society today. Topics change and are determined, in part, by the participants in the class.

Not limiting its activities to study alone, this year's Bible study class purchased, through Heifer International, a goat to be given to a needy family in a country where food and jobs are scarce. The recipient family will not only be able to provide milk for their children, but will be able to earn an income from the sale of the milk.

Outreach is very important to the people of Lafayette Park UMC. If you live in the neighborhood, you're probably familiar with the annual Pumpkin Patch that provides a fun day out for local school children and, in the last two years, the venue for the Halloween party for the children who live in Lafayette Square — not to mention a great place to get that great pumpkin! The annual corned-beef-and-cabbage and turkey dinners, hosted by the United Methodist Women and presented with help from members of the church, are legendary among those who

attend. If you haven't yet had the pleasure, be sure to take advantage of the next opportunity for some great home cooking at a price that can't be beat!

Whether you're looking for a bargain, or looking for a place to contribute some gently used items from your attic, basement or garage, you need go no further than the Resale Boutique. Another venture of the UMW, the Boutique is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Wednesday for shopping and dropping off donations. If you'd like a major dose of resale shopping, you won't want to miss the United Methodist Women's annual winter rummage sale. Held this year from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 31, the sale will feature clothing, house wares, gift items, toys and more. When the weather outside is wet and cold, it's a great way to have fun — and save money — indoors!

Each year, LPUMC sends a mission team to Mexico to build a home, or homes, for those currently living in shelters made of wood pallets and cardboard. We participate in Habitat for Humanity and, in partnership with Centenary UMC downtown, help to feed and provide clothing for the city's homeless. Once a month, we prepare dinner for the residents of a local women's shelter, and we contribute to the services provided by local food pantries and children's agencies.

Our vision statement is: "Lafayette Park United Methodist Church will be a church without walls, creating a visible sign of Christ's presence in our urban community and beyond." Much effort goes into making that statement a reality. If you'd like to make a change that makes a difference, please join us.

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church is located at 2300 Lafayette Ave., one block east of Jefferson. Call us at 771-9214 or visit our website at [www.lp-umc.org](http://www.lp-umc.org).

By Linda Weiner  
Lafayette Square

## Quote of the month

The wise gardener anticipates June in January.

— *House and Garden* magazine

## Spring is just around the corner

Just as I begin to tire of forcing indoor bulbs and preening my indoor plants, the seed catalogs begin arriving and I can almost smell the flowers I'm dreaming of planting! About now I also begin to think about the joys of spring and the fellowship of a neighborhood and a city that springs into action to pour beauty into every place possible, from our parks to our downtown area to the tree lawns in front of neighborhood homes.

Watch for announcements of opportunities to join in beautification which will begin in March and continue throughout the season. If you would like to volunteer now, please email me at [Linderweiner@prodigy.net](mailto:Linderweiner@prodigy.net) or call 621-7071. You can join the Flora Conservancy of Lafayette Park or work on the medians on Park Avenue, Jefferson Avenue or Truman Parkway.

## Volunteers needed for construction of wall behind community garden

The Lafayette Square Community Garden is looking for volunteers to assist in construction of a wall along the alley behind the garden at Park and Dolman to prevent further erosion. A Gateway Greening grant is pending, but we are seeking anyone with some experience who can assist during an April work day. If you are interested please contact me or call Steve Mann at 773-2002.

## Lafayette Park Conservancy pathways project progresses

The Pathways Committee continues to meet and is currently reviewing a proposal by SWT Design to create a plan for pathways in the park. The community is welcome to attend meetings and will be advised as progress is made. The current proposal is to create two pathway plans from which one will be selected for further detailing. We are hoping the Whitaker Foundation will assist with funding and that additional funding will allow the work to proceed along quadrants of the park and its entrances.

## Wachovia workday for Jefferson median rescheduled due to weather

Many thanks to Erin Budde for getting 50 Wachovia volunteers to select the Square as one of its proposed worksites. However, the cold temperatures predicted for the weekend of Jan. 17 necessitated a rescheduling.

## Volunteer needed to fill tires of wheelbarrows in the Boat House

If you have the time and equipment, there's no time like the present to get our equipment ready to rock and roll! Call me to volunteer.

## Muchas, muchas gracias

Many thanks to Keith Welsh for planting donated trees and bulbs along Truman Parkway, to Roy Peterson for help removing and reinstalling the watering equipment at the community garden to keep it from freezing, and, again, to Roy and Kim Peterson for relocating the wheelbarrows to the Boat House.

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# Local literary magazine going strong for 34 years

By Virginia Slachman  
Lafayette Square

More than 30 years ago poets and musicians who were sick to death of stiff and dry poetry jammed all night in steamy apartments and schemed about how to liberate the literary arts from ivy walls and get it out to the people.

The result? *River Styx*, an award-winning literary magazine that's housed a stone's throw from us all in Midtown's Centene Center for the Arts. *River Styx* is St. Louis' oldest literary magazine; now in its 34th year, it's still going strong with its *River Styx* at Duff's reading series. The series is bringing in bigger-than-ever crowds midway through its 34th season. And it's no wonder — the folks who dreamed of diverse, accessible writing all those years ago live on in Richard Newman, now in his 14th year as editor.

"When I first started as editor, I was 27," he says. "I was as unsure of my own future as *River Styx*'s. Now we're both older than Jesus and we're both in better shape than ever."

Newman, who along with managing editor Michael Nye and a constant stream of volunteers and interns, squeezes into a two-room office packed with overstuffed boxes, artwork, manuscripts, empty take-out cartons, and a constant stream of chatter about essentials such as the week's college hoops scores.

With a circulation of around 2,000 — respectable by literary magazine standards — *River Styx* publishes three issues a year. The magazine includes poetry, short stories, artwork, essays and interviews — a lot to fit into each slim, 100-page issue, which accounts for why Newman and his staff work sometimes around the clock

to read submissions that flood in May to November of each year.

And if you thought the literary arts were dead, think again. *River Styx* receives about 3,000 poems, 300 short stories and 50 essays per month. Newman tries to hand-write a note to each person who submits — definitely not a practice shared by most magazines.

But that hands-on care is decades old and has resulted in some formidable names being published between the covers. From poet laureates (such as St. Louis' own Howard Nemerov) to Pulitzer Prize winners and Nobel laureates (Yusef Komunyakaa and Czeslaw Milosz, respectively), the magazine continues to attract the best writers in the U.S. and Europe.

Newman's responsibilities don't end when an issue goes to press. He's also in charge of the reading series held monthly at Duff's at 7:30 on Monday nights.

Newman tries to couple out-of-town poets and writers with local talent, so there are always diverse voices reading each night. And in the summer there's the Hungry Young Poets series featuring new talent just ready to break through. The next reading is Jan. 19 and features award-winning poets Oliver de la Paz and Virginia Slachman (who is also a Lafayette Square resident).

The series continues Feb. 16 with Rane Arroyo and Saher Alam; March 16 with a night of Irish poetry and music featuring Eamonn Wall, Nathalie Anderson, Drucilla Wall and Gearoid OhAllmhurain; and April 20 with Brian Turner and Stacey Lynn Brown. *River Styx*'s literary feast, featuring Mary Jo Bang and Pinckney Benedict, is May 4, and the Hungry Young Poets series takes hold June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17.

# What are you reading?

Norbury L. Wayman was a city planner, architect and historian who wrote prolifically about St. Louis and its many distinct neighborhoods. Sets of his historical maps of St. Louis are in the Library of Congress and St. Louis Public Library, and his working library is housed at the St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri—St. Louis.

Partnering with the St. Louis Community Development Agency in the 1970s, he published booklets on 27 distinct neighborhoods in the late 1970s and early 1980s, many of which are available at the Barr Branch Library. They include Arlington and Walnut Park; Baden-River-

view; Cabanne; Carondelet; Central West End; Compton Hill; Downtown; Fairground; Grande-Prairie; Hyde Park and Bissel-College Hill; Kingsbury; Lafayette Square and Benton Park; Marquette-Cherokee; Midtown; Oak Hill and Morganford; Oakland & Clifton; Old North St. Louis and Yeatman; Shaw; Soular; Southwest; and The Hill.

Each volume contains maps, history and black and white photos and drawings of the neighborhood through the years. The scope of this project is impressive, and his work gives insight into the changes St. Louis and its neighborhoods have all gone through and continue to experience.

## Barr Branch Public Library upcoming events

### January

20 Show Your Talent. Sing, dance, act — show off your skills. Teen. 4-5 p.m.

22 Chinese New Year celebration. Make crafts to decorate for Chinese New Year. School age. 4-5 p.m.  
GED: Path to Success. Adult. 4-5 p.m.

24 Book Discussion: *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Adult. 1-2 p.m.

26 Max and Ruby Party. Celebrate Rosemary Wells' birthday with Max and Ruby books, songs and a craft. 11-11:30 a.m.

27 Study Lounge. Get homework help, listen to music and hang out with friends. Teen. 4-5 p.m.

29 Got Game? X-Box 360 and Wii gaming. Teen. 4-6 p.m.  
GED: Path to Success. Adult. 4-5 p.m.

### February

2 Storytime: African American Read In. Stories, songs and more. Groups of five or more register in advance. Preschool. Ages 3-5. 11-11:30 a.m.

5 GED: Path to Success. Adult. 4-5 p.m.

10 Study Lounge: Get homework help, listen to music and hang out with friends. Teen. 4-6 p.m.

11 Make and Play Mancala. School age. 4-5 p.m.

12 Family movie: *Akeelah and the Bee*. All ages. 4-6 p.m.

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# Recession's impact on state budget may be 2009 priority

By Jeannette Mott Oxford  
State Representative, 59th District

When Gov. Jay Nixon took office on Jan. 12, he inherited an estimated \$342 million deficit for the current fiscal year that will likely require midyear spending cuts. Former state Sen. Wayne Goode of University City, who is helping Nixon craft the state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, announced the problems with the current budget on Dec. 2, 2008.

Although former Gov. Matt Blunt's Office of Administration developed the budget shortfall estimate, his spokeswoman told the Associated Press that the governor disputed its size. Reports from the Office of Administration do show that Missouri's three most significant revenue sources have performed poorly of late:

- Individual income tax collections have grown only 2.1 percent during the first four months of FY 2009 (which began on July 1). If weakness in income tax collections continues in the coming months, it would indicate significant difficulty for the state budget since individual income tax collections generate about 65 percent of all state general revenue collections.
- State sales and use taxes declined in October and have now declined 3.3 percent for FY 2009 overall, despite federal tax rebate checks that were distributed last spring. It appears tough economic times

are causing Missourians to tighten their belts and limit discretionary spending.

- State corporate income and franchise tax collections fell by 12.6 percent overall in the first four months of the fiscal year and fell by 16.7 percent in October alone.

To address the emerging budget crisis, Gov. Nixon plans to place a temporary freeze on new long-term contracts for goods and services and to consider delaying planned construction projects that are not yet underway. He will require each state agency to submit a plan for cutting spending within the current fiscal year.

State Rep. Ron Richard, a Joplin Republican who is expected to be elected Speaker of the House when the General Assembly convenes in January, recently outlined a "family recovery plan" of legislation to promote job creation and improve the state's economy.

Richard's plan focuses on providing tax breaks to companies considering locating in Missouri or expanding existing operations. House Minority Leader Paul LeVota, D-Independence, expressed tentative support for Richard's goal but said any economic recovery plan should include important pocketbook issues such as reducing the cost of health care to Missouri families.

It is my hope that the General Assembly will also take a serious look at the Tax Justice for a Healthy Missouri legislation that I have sponsored for the past three years. This bill would create a tax structure that is more modern, fair, adequate and sustainable.

It will be very important for the General Assembly to think creatively and to work together with bi-partisan cooperation in these challenging times. I pledge to bring my best efforts to that process.



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Local artist Charles Houska's artwork is on display at phd gallery on South Grand.

## Houska's bold colors land at phd

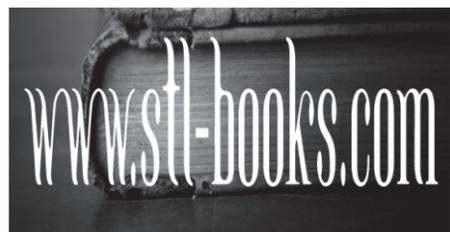
Bold. Optimistic. Electric. The vibrant pop-art palette of St. Louis artist Charles Houska will be on view in a solo exhibition of 22 brand new paintings at phd gallery. Houska's collection of acrylic on canvas, original works will be on display and for purchase from through Feb. 21.

Pop-artist Charles Houska (pronounced House-ka) has been a working artist for more than 15 years. His cheerful and whimsical style has been featured in murals at the St. Louis Zoo and adorns the entrance of St. Louis Children's Hospital. Besides his acrylic-on-canvas paintings and murals, Houska's ubiquitous imagery has appeared in a variety of forms, from credit cards to shower curtains to an Illinois license plate. Major corporations, including St. Louis Children's Hospital, Absolut Vodka, Emerson Electric Co. and Bergners Co., have commissioned Houska to create

artwork for their specific needs.

Born and raised in Springfield, Ill., Houska earned a bachelor's degree in art and visual communication from Illinois State University, and worked as a graphic designer in a design studio in Chicago before moving back to Springfield to work as an artist full-time. In 1998, he moved to St. Louis and opened his own gallery, Houska St. Louis, which was a Central West End favorite until 2005, when Houska closed the gallery to focus on painting.

The artist stays active in the community devoting a significant portion of his time to charitable organizations especially those dealing with animals, such as PAWS, Stray Rescue and The Humane Society. His favorite community project is what he has dubbed "Houskaballoo" in which he collaborates with children on mural projects in their schools.



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# December LSRC membership meeting minutes

## Minutes for December 9 LSRC General Membership Meeting

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 54 residents in attendance. President Don Terrill called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the November minutes as presented by the secretary. Sign up sheets for Holiday House Tour and 2009 after-meeting socials were distributed.

Special Mention: KDHX Public Access Television was present at the meeting. The students requested access to the LSRC General Membership Meeting. They will also be attending Lafayette Park Conservancy and Arts Council meetings. The meeting footage will be compiled for a documentary to air at a future date. KDHX airs on channels 21 and 22 on cable. There were no objections by those in attendance to being filmed during the meeting.

### Committee reports

**Safety Committee** — Don Owens reported on the follow-up to the graffiti on the fence behind the Mississippi Lofts. Ron Taylor wrote a letter to the owner of the fence and copied numerous city departments plus Operation Brightside to resolve this issue. After receipt of the letter, the original graffiti has been removed.

The list of identified problem properties is currently being reviewed with the city inspector.

Sandy Colvin, our new neighborhood stabilization officer (NSO) was introduced. Her phone number is 613-3169 and e-mail is ColvinS@stlouiscity.com.

Safety Reminder: Officer Bob Lange reported that crime is down 28 percent in Lafayette Square, year-to-date. Only one car

break-in since the last meeting. Keep your presents out of your car this holiday season and don't have your presents, etc. highly visible inside your home so as to discourage any potential car or home break-ins. Please remind your holiday guests as well.

If you are going to be out of town over the holidays please contact Don Owens, Officer Min or Officer Lang (444-2564) so that they can request additional surveillance of your property.

**Finance** — Sue Linhardt reported that we're currently at 82 percent of budgeted income and 97 percent of budgeted expenses. The 2008 Holiday Tour is Dec. 14 and is expected to generate \$17,500 in revenue with a \$9,000 expense budget.

**Development** — Mark Etling reported only one issue that the Development Committee reviewed concerning three vacant lots at 1814 through 1824 Kennett. The property owner requested a variance for a street fence to move closer to the street than the historic code indicates. The fence would be metal in an ornamental style and have shrubbery behind the fence. The committee recommended approval for the variance. A berm/planter layout that would disguise a pool deck was also reviewed and the committee recommended a variance.

The boundaries of the local historic district were determined to be roughly Interstate 44, Truman Parkway, Jefferson and Chouteau. The building reviewed in November near the old Edge Restaurant was confirmed to be in the local historic district and cannot be demolished.

Meeting Notice Change: Beginning in January 2009, the Development Committee will be meeting on the third Tuesday and the LSRC Board Meeting will move to the first Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held in the Park House.

**Membership** — Jeff Jensen reported that the new LSRC Membership year begins in

January 2009. New membership applications will be available at the LSRC meetings and published in the *Marquis*.

**Lafayette Park Conservancy** — The Conservancy newsletter will be published shortly, as reported by Ward Buckner. Linda Weiner announced that the Conservancy is beginning to study the paths in the Park and identify opportunities to modify the paths and enhance the entry points. A survey of the walkways is currently underway.

**House Tour** — Terry Linhardt and Liz Lohman reported on the plans for the upcoming Holiday Parlor Tour on Dec. 14. Terry thanked Sue Linhardt for coordinating sponsorships and Mark and Terry Etling for coordinating pre-ticket sales as well as publicity and marketing for the house tour. Linda Skinner coordinated the staff for the pre-sale tickets and coordinating the Park House phone ticket requests. Terry reported that based on the sponsorship and pre-ticket sales already secured that we would need to sell fewer than 100 tickets on the day of tour to be at a break-even point. Initial forecasts for tour day are 54 degrees Fahrenheit with a slight chance of rain late in the day.

Liz Lohman has coordinated over 100 docents for the event and all docents have been given their time and location as well as information packets for the homeowners. The Missouri Department of Tourism has requested permission to cover the event.

### New business

**Budget** — Sue Linhardt presented the 2009 Budget for review. The new budget will be ratified at the January 2009 General Membership Meeting. The LSRC Board will finalize the budget for presentation in their December meeting.

In order to more clearly define each of the neighborhood organizations (LSRC,

LPC, Arts Council, etc.) individual line items have been eliminated for groups outside of the LSRC. Contributions in a set amount will be made to these groups through our savings rather than as budgeted line items.

Requests for any additional funding (e.g. proposed historic walking tour) will be made as a separate donation from savings and they will not appear as a separate budgeted line item. This will allow each of our neighborhood groups to remain connected but also be differentiated and self-sustaining entities.

### Announcements

#### Marquis deadlines for articles:

Jan. 7; Feb. 4; March 4; April 8; April 29; May 20; June 24; July 22; Aug. 19; Sept. 16; Oct. 14; Nov. 11

### Meeting schedules

The 2008 Holiday Parlor Tour will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 14.

The LSRC Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Park House.

The LSBA will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 5 at Bailey's Chocolate Bar.

The LSRC Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 6 in the Park House.

The LSRC Membership meeting will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

The LSRC Development Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 20 in the Park House.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Tom and Mary Dahms, 1525 Missouri, hosted the social. Many thanks to our hosts!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Jensen, membership secretary

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- Friends of LSRC (Non-resident -- \$10 per person)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

I am interested in volunteer opportunities (e.g. House Tour, Bike Race).  
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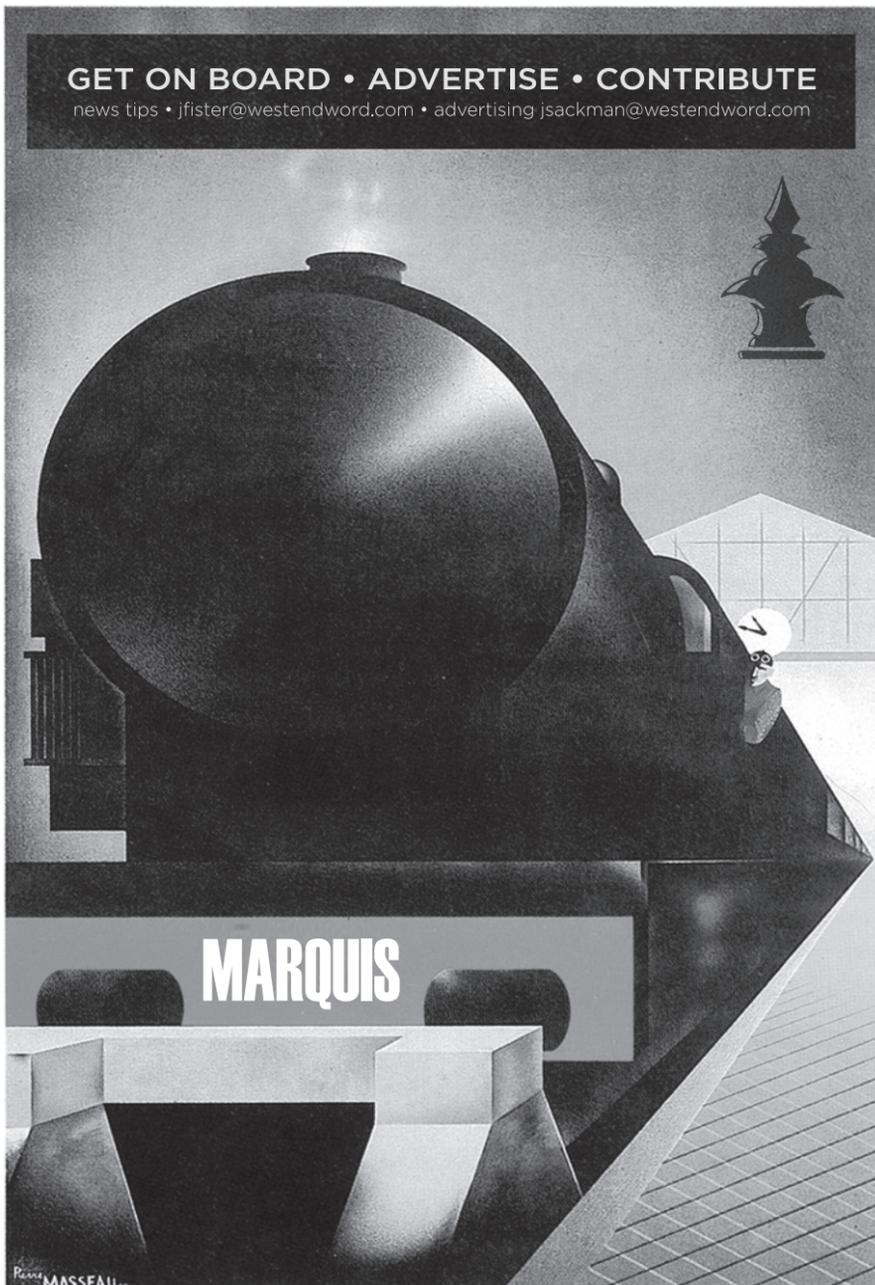
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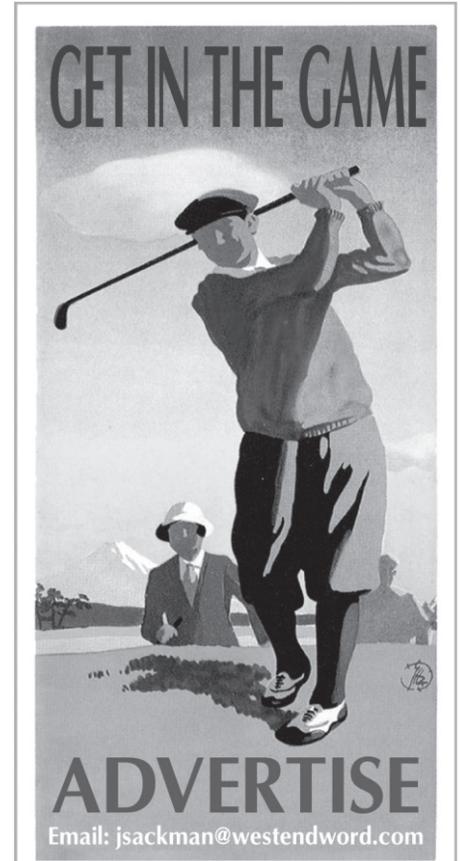
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