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## Urban Health Fair & Market: Healthful lifestyles mean savings for the family budget

By April Breedon  
Lafayette Square

In an effort to encourage city residents to take advantage of healthful options available throughout the city, the Urban Health Initiative presents the second annual Urban Health Fair & Market from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 13 on Park Avenue, between Vail Place and 18th Street.

When the average citizen thinks about staying healthy, perhaps by purchasing a gym membership, or eating more fresh fruits and vegetables, they rarely relate those actions to saving money. Yet there is increasing evidence that small lifestyle changes and financial expenditures that are geared toward health development can save thousands over the course of a person's lifetime.

### The Bad News

Health insurance costs are out of control. Monthly premiums are through the roof, co-payments keep going up, and out-of-pocket expenses are increasing. Many self-employed citizens cannot afford health insurance at all or are forced to opt for catastrophic coverage. Nearly 47 million Americans, or 16 percent of the population, were without health insurance in 2005 (the latest government data available).

Perhaps, even in difficult economic times, this news would not be quite as disturbing if our health as a nation was thriving. **It is not.** According to the World Health Organization, the United States ranked 15 among 25 industrialized nations based on a wide variety of health measures, including infant mortality and the incidence of degenerative disease.

### The Good News

Individuals and families can take simple steps to improve their health and reduce medical costs over their lifespan. For example, eating more fruits and vegetable has been linked to a decreased risk for almost all chronic diseases, and regular physical activity can reduce your risk of developing high blood pressure and diabetes.

My guess is many of you are thinking, "Easier said than done!" And you are right! Making healthful lifestyle choices on a daily basis, though it can positively impact our health (and thus, our finances) is not easy. Old habits may need to be broken. New habits will need to be nurtured. There are many possible distractions and pitfalls along the way. But it IS worth it, and the good news is, you do not have to do it alone or overnight. Be patient with yourself and

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Staff photo

## 'Treemonisha'

Sculptor John Henry's "Treemonisha" was installed near the I-55 and I-44 ramps near Lafayette Avenue in late August. At 81 feet tall, this public work of art is a new defining piece of the surrounding neighborhoods, including Lafayette Square.

# LSBA hosts charitable happy hours

By Jennifer Myerscough  
Lafayette Square Business Association

The restaurants and businesses in Lafayette Square have gone to the dogs. During the month of September, participating businesses will be donating a portion of their sales to Stray Rescue of St. Louis. Additionally, each Friday afternoon in September from 4 to 7 p.m., a

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community happy hour will take place around the fountain in Lafayette Square Plaza. Restaurants will sell food and beverages with a portion of sales being donated to Stray Rescue. Several of the participating restaurants are: Baileys' Chocolate Bar, SqWires, Soda Fountain Square, Ricardo's, 1111 Mississippi, and Vino Vitae. Many retail shops will stay open late during the event and donate a portion of their sales to Stray Rescue.

"We were talking about more events we could do in the business area and [ways to] utilize the plaza more," said Matt Brazelton, president of the Lafayette Square Business Association.

"David [Bailey, owner of Baileys' Chocolate Bar] and Jennifer [Myerscough, manager,] came up with the idea of doing the cocktail party. When they talked about it, they also wanted to



Staff photo

Stray Cocktails will be held at The Plaza in Lafayette Square throughout September and will benefit Stray Rescue of St. Louis.

benefit an organization and thought stray rescue would be a good organization," Brazelton added.

Volunteers from Stray Rescue will be selling raffle tickets each Friday for gift certificates to Lafayette Square Busi-

nesses. They will also have several dogs that are available for adoption at the event.

This is an event for the family, even the dog. Four Muddy Paws will be serving dog-friendly treats. They will be selling dog beer and dog wine (healthy, gravy-based liquids for animals). And they will be serving treats in the shape of martini glasses.

On the final Friday (Sept. 26), Rev Kathleen Wilder will provide a blessing of the pets in honor of St Francis of Assisi, whose birthday is that day.

Stray Rescue is a non-profit organization that was founded in Lafayette Square in 1998 by Randy Grim. One of the most widely known and most successful animal

rescue groups in the region, Stray Rescue focuses on strays and homeless dogs and cats in the St. Louis area, especially East St. Louis and north St. Louis, and rehabilitating the animals to become loving pets.



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# Summer gives way to fall events

By Pete Snyder  
LSRC President

School busses are running again, which must mean that summer is unofficially over. Wasn't it just yesterday that we were preparing for the Spring House Tour?

But just because it feels as though summer is over, activities are not coming to an end. We have lots going on in Lafayette Square from Labor Day and beyond.

We kick the Labor Day weekend off with the Tour de Lafayette, the Friday evening and night series of bike races around Lafayette Park. Saturday night the Baker McClaren Band performs in Lafayette Park (but by the time you read this, these events may be history).

Sept. 6 will see the Perfectos Vintage Base Ball team's last tournament of the season — the Jeremiah Fruin Festival in Lafayette Park. Fruin is said to be the man who first brought base ball to St. Louis in the 1850's. And the first organized game was played on the very field that the Perfectos use today.

Sept. 9 is an important LSRC meeting. Nominations will be taken for board members who will be elected into office during the October general membership meeting. Nine of 16 board positions change every year. If you have an opinion, this is a perfect time for you to get involved.

Sept. 13 will be a busy day with the Urban Health Fair on Park Avenue during the day, followed by our last concert of the season in Lafayette Park, featuring the very popular Ralph Butler Band.

Members of the Community Garden will host an evening fund-raiser in the Garden on Sept. 20. Poetry and produce (harvested from the garden) will be featured.

Friday evenings in September will unveil a series of new events, Stray Cocktails, during which local businesses will showcase their wares and fares along Park Avenue. A portion of the proceeds will go towards a good cause, to help Stray Rescue of St. Louis.

September wraps up with a showing of the movie, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, on Sept. 27 in Lafayette Park. If you have not experienced one these outdoor family events, you're missing something special. The Movies in the Park Committee continually cooks up a fun-filled evening.

And let's not forget that planning for the Holiday Parlor Tour, which is scheduled for Dec. 14, is a major focus of activity in September. Special thanks are given to Suzi Wofford Jones for volunteering to chair this year's tour.

There is so much to do and so many ways to get involved in Lafayette Square; it almost feels like an endless summer. Get out and enjoy.

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# Volunteers, students tend to medians

By Linda Weiner  
Lafayette Square

## Quote of the month

"What Nature delivers to us is never stale, because what Nature creates/Has eternity in it."

-Isaac Bashevis Singer

## Nature's beauty comes in many forms

Just back from a two-week vacation in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, where the variety of beauty creates awe in the observer — tall pine forests whose intense scent curls up the nostrils, meadows of fat top braided exotic grasses and wildflowers, geysers, bubbling crust of earth with colors so intense you wonder if your camera can possibly record them — such beauty, wild and with a hint of dangerous aliveness! And back to Missouri we came to a family reunion in the Ozark Scenic National Riverways, where I again appreciated the power of the dense green deciduous hardwood forests — very different to be sure, but could I prefer one form of beauty over another? How do the jungles of South America or Hawaii's feel of Nature compare? Beauty comes in many forms. How lucky I am to experience the variety!

## Operation Brightside grants written

Currently our fair residents have written and submitted four grants administered through Operation Brightside to beautify the neighborhood this October! It's almost embarrassing! In giving advice to new grant writers Matt Brazelton and Jeff Jensen, I counted 19 previous grants that I had funded (not counting the dozens written by Lafayette Park Conservancy members!). When I dropped off the final grant, I was well chided by Brightside staff about our prodigious application acumen!

Many thanks to Matt and Jeff for their

efforts to beautify the Park Avenue medians, to Erin Budde and Patricia Barber for their continuing efforts on the Jefferson median, to Susan Pinker Dodd, Carolyn Willmore and Ward Buckner for the beauty at Lafayette Park, and to Steve Mann, co-leader of the Lafayette Square Community Garden who co-authored a grant for a boxwood hedge along Dolman Street.

You can bet we will be calling on all of you to assist with planting!

## Fontbonne freshman destroy weeds on Jefferson median

On Aug. 16, about 30 energetic freshmen made mincemeat of the weeds on the Jefferson median, shaped bushes, mulched their hearts out and didn't quit until the deed was done! We are grateful! It is interesting to note the difference between high school volunteers and college help. Both begin with zeal, but, alas, the high schoolers tend to wear out quickly while the college folks have the stamina. Perhaps the lack of enduring energy for physical work goes with the growth spurt — it still makes us parents of adolescents crazy!

## Gracias, Gracias, Gracias

Many thanks to Mitchell Hunt, Michael Knight and Keith Welsh for upkeep on the Truman Parkway; to John Emery, Sara Davis, Marilyn Lane, Robert Bischoff and Greg Plattner for caretaking watering and weeding at Lafayette Park, along with many other volunteers at the grotto and around the park; to Bev McCain who works at the welcoming garden at Park and Missouri; to Rebecca Wright and Vicky Houghton, Sue and Terry Linhardt and others who work on the beautiful rock garden; to Matt Brazelton and Jeff Jensen for adopting the Park Avenue medians; to Erin Budde, Patricia Barber and Max Budde for their ongoing efforts on the Jefferson median. And we KNOW there are many others who pull a weed here and there or pick up trash as they go. Many Thanks!

# LSRC Notes: Nominations to be taken at Sept. meeting

By Pete Snyder  
LSRC President

The September LSRC general membership meeting (7 p.m., Sept. 9 at Lafayette United Methodist Church) will feature nominations for next year's board. Candidates for nine of 16 board positions are being sought, including V.P./president-elect, treasurer-elect, V.P. development-elect, membership secretary, board secretary, V.P. community affairs and three at-large board seats.

In addition, two positions on the Development Committee are being elected.

Candidates are nominated in September, elected and take office in October. Please contact me (PeteS@Snyder-Workman.com, 773-6300) if you or someone you know might be interested in getting involved.

During the September general membership meeting we will also be discussing "giving guidelines." Over the

past several years, the LSRC has been asked to contribute to various causes from across the city. The board will present a draft of giving guidelines for discussion and a first reading. The guidelines (if finalized) will be voted upon and potentially added to our bylaws at the October meeting.

The 2008 – 2009 Neighborhood Directories are available for pick up by block captains at the Park House. Please contact me (PeteS@Snyder-Workman.com) to coordinate.

Suzi Wofford Jones has volunteered to chair the 2008 Holiday Tour. Let's show our thanks to Suzi by volunteering to help (as this neighborhood has always done). Terry and Mark Etlings, 1820 LaSalle St., will host the September after-meeting-social immediately following the general membership meeting. We thank the Etlings for stepping in for Bridgid Simpson during her convalescence, and pray for Bridgid's continued improvement.

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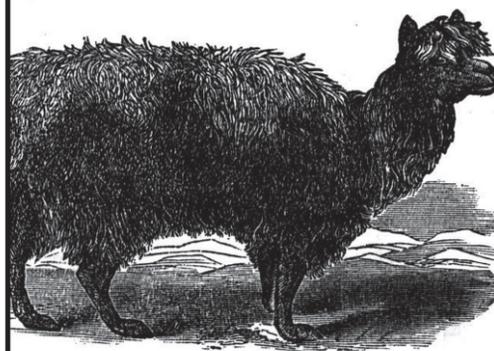
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remember that all change is a process.

**Urban Health Fair & Market**

No matter where you are in that process, the upcoming Urban Health Fair & Market is designed to help advance your health goals. Businesses in Lafayette Square will host the event from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Sept. 13** in the Lafayette Square business district (on Park Avenue, between Vail Place and 18th Street). The Urban Health Fair & Market is organized by the Urban Health Initiative, a group of independent city business owners whose services, products and clientele are wellness-focused.

**Vendors and Activities:** The event features over 20 wellness vendors and will include complimentary acupuncture, nervous system scans, massage, fitness tests, yoga demonstrations, cycling opportunities, education on naturopathic approaches to health, nutritional supplements, free hourly "give-aways" and much more!

**Food and Entertainment:** Lafayette Square restaurant sponsors will provide health (and taste) conscious menu options for the fair. Music will be

provided by Jane Godfrey and Saved by Chaos, dance by Los Flamencos, and art by Chabi Bayoc.

**Kids & Pets:** Far too often health-focused events forget to include age-appropriate activities for children. That is a shame since most of us form life-long health habits during our early years. The Urban Health Fair will provide a day full of health-focused children's activities including weight lifting demonstrations by youth from Lift for Life Gym.

For those who consider their four-legged family members to be their "kids," Four Muddy Paws will be hosting a "fair within the fair" that is specifically designed to help you help your pets live longer and healthier lives.

For a complete list of vendors, restaurant sponsors, and activities please visit the Web site [www.UrbanHealthFair.org](http://www.UrbanHealthFair.org) or call 762-0669.



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# Nov. election to include handful of ballot proposals

By Jeanette Mott Oxford  
State Representative, 59th District

On Aug. 5 Secretary of State Robin Carnahan certified two measures for the Nov. 4 ballot that had been proposed by initiative petitions while rejecting three others. With the addition of two measures placed on the ballot by the General Assembly, Missouri voters will decide on at least four ballot proposals in November.

One of the initiative measures set to go before voters would repeal Missouri's unique-in-the-nation casino loss limit of \$500 per two-hour gaming session. It would also cap the number of casinos in the state at 13 and boost taxes on casino operators to 21 percent of gross receipts from the current 20 percent. The effort to place the measure on the ballot was funded by the gambling industry.

Another approved initiative proposal would change state law to allow home health care workers to unionize. The language for this measure will read:

*Shall Missouri law be amended to enable the elderly and Missourians with disabilities to continue living independently in their homes by creating the Missouri Quality Homecare Council to ensure the availability of quality home care services under the Medicaid program by recruiting, training, and stabilizing the home care workforce?*

*The exact cost of this proposal to state governmental entities is unknown, but is estimated to exceed \$510,560 annually. Additional costs for training are possible. Matching federal funds, if available, could reduce state costs. It is estimated there would be no costs or savings to local governmental entities.*

Due to insufficient numbers of valid signatures, Carnahan rejected a proposed statutory change to require utilities to use more renewable energy and two separate, but related, constitutional amendments to restrict the use of eminent domain.

The renewable energy proposal fell just 526 signatures short of the required number while the eminent domain measures missed the mark by nearly 29,000 signatures each.

Groups that put these petition initiatives forward may appeal through the courts if they believe valid signatures were rejected, so one or both issues might still appear on the November ballot.

Also appearing on the ballot are two proposed constitutional amendments placed on the ballot by the General Assembly. The first was passed by the legislature in 2007 and would make English the official language of all governmental proceedings. (I voted no since no governmental proceeding has yet been conducted in any language other than English in Missouri, so this is a solution searching for a problem and not a worthy reason to amend our Constitution.)

The other, which the legislature approved earlier this year, would alter existing constitutional provisions relating to the issuance of storm water control grants.

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# 'Raiders' concludes Movies in the Park season



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By Mark Werkheiser  
Movies in the Park committee

Movies in the Park is excited to present *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* as our third and final movie of the summer on Sept. 27. The movie will begin at 7 p.m. while festivities will kick off the evening at 5:30 p.m. If you have not yet been able to join us for our outdoor movie extravaganza, this is your last chance of the summer!

*Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981) is the first movie in the Indiana Jones franchise, which saw its fourth installment released this past May with *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*. It was twenty-seven years ago when George Lucas and Steven Spielberg teamed up to bring us Dr. Henry Walton Jones, Jr., a professor of history and archaeology and an unlikely hero whom audiences quickly came to love. What was so alluring for audiences worldwide was not the Dr. Jones who wielded chalk and graded papers, but his globe-trotting alter ego Indiana who wielded a whip and unearthed ancient treasure. And unlike traditional heroes who possess supernatural abilities and otherworldly powers, Indiana was someone with whom we could identify. He was not impenetrable or invincible. He was a flawed but charismatic protagonist who harbored a deathly fear of snakes and always had a knack of winding up in the direst of predicaments.

So it is with *Raiders*. It is 1936 and the Nazis' hunger for power (occult and otherwise) is growing rapidly. With a desire to make Germany's army invincible, the Nazis are searching for the Ark of the Covenant, the holding vessel of the Ten Commandments of the God of Israel, an object they hope will live up to its legend — that any army that possesses

the Ark will be unstoppable. But in order to find the Ark, they need the Staff of Ra, a key artifact essential in identifying the Ark's location within the ancient Egyptian city of Tanis. The one person that knows how to find the Staff of Ra is Abner Ravenwood, Dr. Jones' mentor. With Ravenwood in trouble, Jones flies to his aid only to find that his esteemed predecessor has already died. With that, Jones transforms into Indiana, as it were, and the quest to stop the Nazis from their maniacal pursuit of power becomes his singular focus. The rest of *Raiders* is filled with some of the most memorable action sequences ever caught on film (think huge stone pinball barreling toward you in a cave).

Even though you won't come across a pit of asps or power-hungry Nazis (at least we hope not!), we invite you to join us in Lafayette Park on Saturday evening, Sept. 27 for an adventure of our own. As with the previous two movies, Movies in the Park is excited to offer a host of activities during the evening before the movie begins, starting at 5:30 p.m. The festivities include, but are not limited to: a photo exhibit of the "treasures" in Lafayette Square (historical points of interest and landmarks), a volunteer from the Missouri Department of Conservation with animal skulls and a maze, an exciting magician, a dazzling juggler, face painters, crafts/games, a treasure hunt, and a selection of food and beverages from local vendors.

So come out and join the fun as we wrap up the 2008 summer movie series with George Lucas' and Stephen Spielberg's blockbuster hit *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Bring your friends and family and join the adventure. The Movies in the Park committee hopes to see you there!

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## Nice ride

Antique cars, racecars, firetrucks, police cars, neighborhood leaders and adults and kids alike came out in droves for Disney and Pixar's animated favorite, *Cars*, the second movie of this summer's Movies in the Park series. The Movies in the Park committee has beefed up the summer series with family-friendly attractions and activities, resulting in record attendances.

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## 'Sweets to the Sweet' - Poetry highlights garden fundraiser

By Margaret Howard  
Lafayette Square

This fall's community garden celebration will be a little different. To raise funds for the columns that must be installed at intervals around the perimeter in order to mount the iron fencing, we shall hold a magical evening of orchard-hung lanterns, garden-scattered candles, Fairy Cakes (mini-cupcakes topped with Margaret's infamous Butter-dream Icing and edible flowers), bubbly seasonal cocktails, poetry, and soft music from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Lafayette Square Community Garden and Orchard. Cost is \$35 per person.

Yes, poetry. Amidst the lights and the bubbles and the fairy cakes, we, and you if you wish, will read fitting poems from the French and American Victorian writers, with perhaps a smaller emphasis on the British Victorian. Keith Welsh, our neighborhood Victorian poetry scholar, is compiling a list of perfect works. We'll need volunteers to read!

We would also love to have poets submit their original works for reading and inclusion in the anthology of the evening's poems. The anthology will be offered at the event for your keeping.

Poetry will be heard while those attending stroll or sit, enjoy the fairy cakes and cocktails, listening or not listening at their will, drifting from

orchard to garden, from table to bench, an ephemeral music sparkling in the near distance.

Much thanks to Keith Welsh, Linda Wiener, Pam Behnen, Robin Cruse, Margaret Howard, and Donna Decker, the organizing committee.

### Call to poets and readers!

Readers: Would you like to read one or more poems at this lovely event? Don't be nervous! People will be strolling and drinking and noshing, and there will be soft music as well. It's a wonderful opportunity to show off your oratory skills to a highly distracted audience!

Poets: Do you have, or would you like to create, a seasonal, Victorian, garden, fairy, cupcake, or twinkly light themed poem for our evening? We'd love to have you!

Readers contact Keith Welsh at [keithtravels@yahoo.com](mailto:keithtravels@yahoo.com) to get in the line-up.

Poets contact Margaret Howard if you would like to read or submit a poem, at [redlotusblossom@gmail.com](mailto:redlotusblossom@gmail.com), or 225-6128. If selected, your poem will appear in the anthology and you may read it at the event.

Deadline for readers and poets is Sept. 12.

## Lafayette Park UMC Celebrates Homecoming

By Debra Crowe  
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

"A return to one's home; arrival at home," that's how the dictionary defines *homecoming*. At Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, we're celebrating Homecoming on Sept. 14, and everyone is invited!

For some, like Ruth and Burch Neel of Ballwin, it will indeed be a return to their church home. Mr. and Mrs. Neel began attending LPUMC in 1996, when they lived on Russell Boulevard, just east of Grand Avenue.

At the time, they were open to the idea of a new church, and when they learned that Harry Smith, who had performed the marriage ceremony of their younger daughter, was pastor at Lafayette Park UMC, they found their new home.

The Neels attended LPUMC until 2003, when they moved to the county to be closer to their two daughters. Still, they maintain their connection to the church and with good friends there, by occasional return visits for Sunday services, to the Resale Boutique on Wednesdays — and Homecoming.

"We enjoyed our years there, and we made quite a few friends, and we miss them," say the Neels. "There's just something about that lovely church and the smaller congregation. We have fond memories of good times there," Ruth added.

For others like Mr. and Mrs. Neel, who have moved out of the neighborhood and no longer have the opportunity to regularly attend services and events at the church at the southwest corner of Lafayette Park, Homecoming provides the opportunity for an annual church family reunion, but it isn't only for those already familiar with Lafayette Park UMC. If you're looking for a church home, we

invite you to visit with us on Sept. 14 to see who we are, what is important and meaningful to us and how we put our principles into practice.

At LPUMC, you'll find a place to worship (contemporary service at 8 a.m., Sunday School at 9, traditional service at 10); opportunities to explore and learn (both long- and short-term bible study); and a chance to get to know neighbors both local (at our annual Pumpkin Patch — see next month's Marquis for details — and as part of a team working for Habitat for Humanity) and global (Volunteers In Mission trips to Mexico to build homes for the needy). If you'd like to know more, please visit us for Homecoming on Sept. 14 — or any Sunday. You may also call the church office and ask for Pastor Kathleen or Pastor Sharon. LPUMC would like to welcome you home.

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church is located at 2300 Lafayette Ave., one block east of Jefferson. You may reach us by phone at 771-9214 or visit our Web site at [www.lp-umc.org](http://www.lp-umc.org).

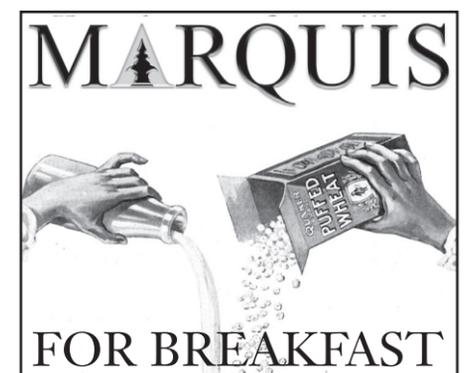




Photo courtesy of Marbles Gallery

Ruby C. Williams displays her work inside her roadside produce stand and walk in art gallery in Bealsville, Fla.

## Florida folk artist visits Lafayette Square gallery

Ruby C. Williams' art has evolved from a Florida freed-slave community and roadside produce stand signs to the Smithsonian!

Marbles Gallery exhibits *A Slice of Life: New Folk Art Paintings by Ruby C. Williams* Sept. 17 through Oct. 5. Marbles will partner with St. Louis arts and education organizations for special events, discussions, demonstrations and meetings with this unique Florida folk artist.

A free public opening will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 20, with an artist's talk from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and featuring live music and light refreshments.

An artist demonstration and talk will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sept. 21. The event is free and open to all. Children and families are welcome.

Ruby C. Williams grew up in Bealsville, Fla., a community formed by freed slaves in the 1860s. It is these roots that form the stage for Ruby's produce stand and "walk in" gallery on Florida State Road 60. Williams' art career began when a passer-by, Rodney Hardee, noticed her brightly painted signs advertising her fruits and vegetables. With the coaxing from him and others, this spiritual businesswoman, minister and grandmother embarked on the journey that has led her into classrooms, galleries and museums in Florida, as well as nationally.

Recently, Ruby illustrated a charming children's book titled, *I Am Ruby*. "I've been ministering since I was a kid. I do everything from the bottom of my heart, whether shelling a bucket of beans or making a painting," she said. Her brightly colored and

festive paintings speak her messages loudly and clearly. "I like when people look at it and smile," she added. Williams, honored with a Florida Folk Life Award, was included in the show, "On Their Own — Selected Self-taught Artists," at the Smithsonian Anacostia Museum in Washington, D.C.

See <http://www.folkvine.org/ruby/home.html> for more about Ruby.

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# New worship service coming to LPUMC

By Jeff Jensen  
Lafayette Square

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church is excited about the introduction of a new worship experience on Sunday mornings: *Grace<sup>2</sup>* (Grace Squared).

*Grace Squared* will begin on Sept. 21 at 8 a.m. The format is contemporary, offering an alternative to the more traditional 10 a.m. service. Utilizing our new projector and software program, this service will allow our congregation to worship in a more casual, meditative style with inspirational graphics, video and other media.

The service will feature praise and worship music in an energetic yet meditative style.

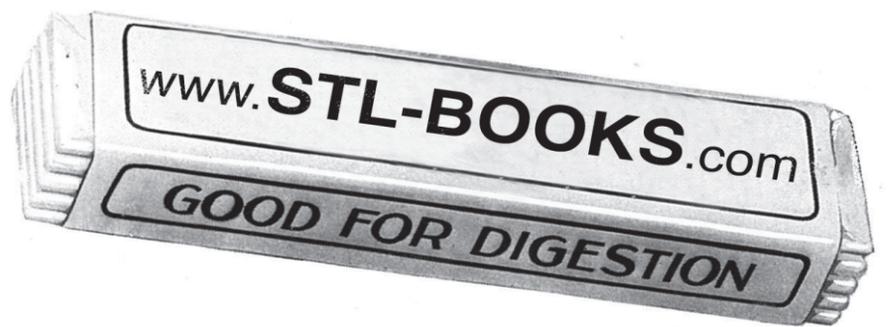
The long-term plans for the service are to include a contemporary praise band to complement our existing keyboard. If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping us launch this new dimension to this worship

service please let us know. We'll also need vocalists and additional worship leaders. If you have any of these spiritual gifts and you're interested in putting them to action, please let either Pastor Kathleen or Pastor Sharon know (773 - 9214). We would love to you have you help us build this service.

We're also open to any other ideas that can help grow our congregation and help people build a personal relationship with God. Music and dramatic readings are all ideas that can come to fruition. If the spirit moves you to express your faith in a contemporary fashion, come and join us!

We're going to be building this service slowly to make sure we're meeting the spiritual needs of both our congregation and our urban neighborhood. If you or your friends or neighbors would like to experience a spirit-filled morning celebrating in praise and worship, please plan on joining us on Sept. 21 and every Sunday morning!

See you at *Grace Squared*!



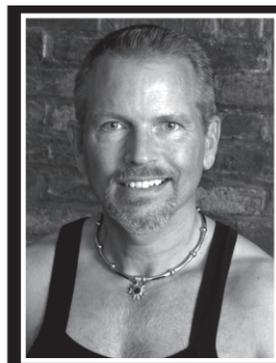
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# Soulard 'Willkommt' Oktoberfest 2008

By Kimberly Gordon  
Soulard Oktoberfest

*O'zapft is!* The traditional cheer that heralds the ceremonial tapping of the keg to mark the onset of Oktoberfest will soon be heard throughout the streets of Soulard.

Early fall in St. Louis is made for festivals, and the Soulard Oktoberfest will usher in an array of authentic German events, entertainment and food from October 3 through 5 at the Soulard Market Plaza and on the corner of Eighth Street and Lafayette Avenue to *willkommen* the centuries-old Oktoberfest celebration.

"The Soulard Oktoberfest brings a taste of Munich to your backyard," says Oktoberfest spokesperson Victor Wendl, whose great-grandfather was a founder of the German Cultural Society in St. Louis. "More people in St. Louis, and the United States, for that matter, can trace their heritage to a German background than any other. The Soulard Oktoberfest is the quintessential way to honor and celebrate our city's German roots and heritage."

While the spirited Soulard neighborhood may have been named for Frenchman Antoine Soulard in the mid-18th century, it was the Germans who actually built the brick and mortar of the Soulard neighborhood and brought the area to life.

"Soulard and St. Louis are steeped in German heritage," explains Don Kirby, president of the Soulard Restoration Group. "Oktoberfest offers the perfect opportunity to spotlight the impact the German culture has had on the history, architecture and vibrancy of the Soulard neighborhood."

Johnny Daus, president of the Soulard Business Association, adds that Oktoberfest also offers people the chance enjoy a

total Soulard experience. "In addition to all the Oktoberfest events, revelers can visit an array of Soulard establishments and enjoy delicious food and drinks and fantastic entertainment," he said. "Oktoberfest defines the camaraderie, fellowship and fun of Soulard."

## Tapping into tradition

Soulard Oktoberfest honors the German tradition that began 175 years ago when the Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event. Today, the Oktoberfest in Munich is the largest festival in the world.

Soulard's version of Oktoberfest is the fastest growing in America. From the authentic traditional German meal of bratwurst, pork and schweinshaxe (pig's knuckles) served on beer benches imported from Munich to the entertainment — the Bavarian party-band Chikeria, the Band that made the Milwaukee German Fest famous, and Obenheimer Express' lively festival brass signature sound from Alsace on the German/French border — the Soulard Oktoberfest truly mirrors the legendary festival in Munich.

"We've really elevated the authenticity of the festival with the addition of an array of traditional Oktoberfest events and entertainment as well offering a true German Oktoberfest meal," explains Wendl, who has attended multiple festivals throughout Germany. "The combination of authentic German food and our first class entertainment acts that are flying in from Germany, truly brings a

taste of Munich to Soulard."

City officials and festival founders join FOX 2's John Pertzborn to kick off the three-day festival with the annual color guard flag ceremony followed by the tapping of a 200-liter handcrafted keg with an authentic mallet, honoring the centuries-old German festival tradition. The Oktoberfest celebration officially gets underway at 6 p.m. Oct. 3, in the Hofbrau Tent on Soulard Market Plaza.

A team of eight clydesdales, the folkloric sounds of Alpen horns — the curved wooden horn stretching nearly 20 feet that was originally used in the Alps to call cows to pasture — along with the world's longest brat and dozens of traditional, craft and home brews beer samplings set the stage for the Anheuser-Busch Grand Opening Ceremony at noon Oct. 4 in the Anheuser-Busch Platz.

The lovely Soulard Oktoberfest Frauleins will be presented on stage, and patrons can also cast their vote for \$1 on their favorite fraulein. Proceeds benefit the Soulard Business Association's Safety Program.

Other highlights include the return of the high-energy polka-meets-rock sounds of Brave Combo, the Soulard Oktoberfest favorites that won two Grammys for "Best Polka Album." A-B Brewmasters and the St. Louis Home Brews Club will also host a craftbrew presentations with samplings of signature beers. The Spaten tent hosts the Miss Soulard Oktoberfest Pageant, Arch Rival Rollergirls and live broadcasts with 105.7 The Point.

Celebrating culture and community, Wendl explains that Oktoberfest not only aims to bring St. Louis a celebration of German culture while showcasing the vibrant pubs and restaurants of Soulard, but it also helps fill the void left by the folding of the Strassenfest, the longtime

German festival that was held downtown for decades.

Oktoberfest plans on continuing the community outreach programs funded by Strassenfest, which include the funding of a wing at the Missouri Botanical Garden and the rebuilding of the steps to the St. Louis City Library.

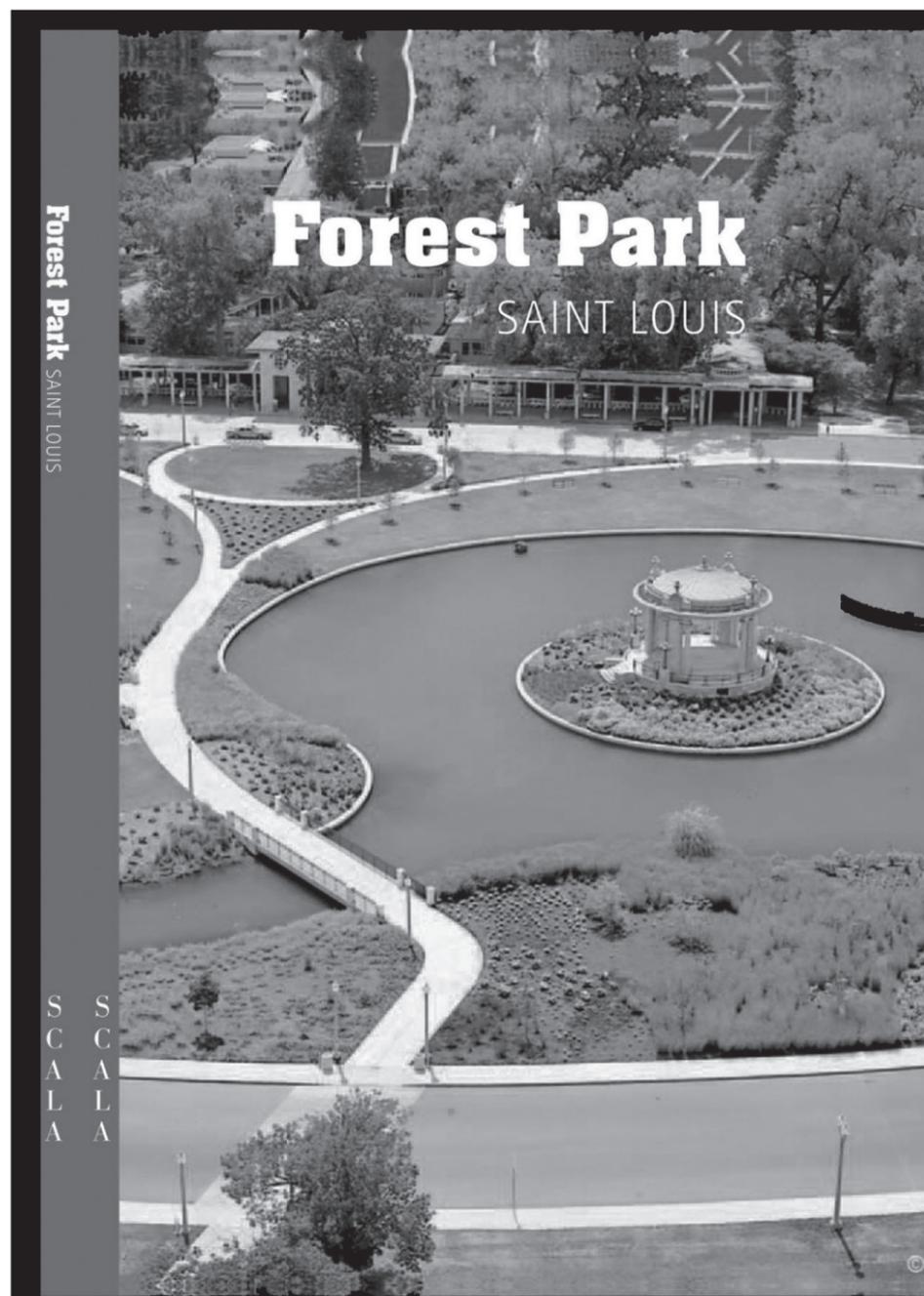
"We want to continue the tradition of giving back to the community," said Wendl, whose uncle served as the director of Strassenfest for years. "As Oktoberfest continues to grow and becomes more and more successful, we aim to fund educational and community programs that benefit St. Louis children."

And there's lots of family fun to be had at Oktoberfest. The youngsters can play all day at the Karneval for Kids, which features inflatable carnival rides at the Soulard Market Playground. Autohaus has teamed up with the Gene Slay Boys Club of St. Louis to host the "Kick the Ball, Win a Beemer Contest," a soccer game where contestants can win an Autohaus BMW and other prizes. Proceeds from the Autohaus contest will be donated to the Boys Club of St. Louis.

The whole family will enjoy perusing the fine art at the Soulard Art Mart show in the Soulard Market Pavilion. A German Mass will also be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at St. John Nepomuk.

Soulard Oktoberfest founder John McKinstry explains that the festival offers a lot more than beers and brats.

"People travel from all around the Midwest and even Europe to partake in the Soulard Oktoberfest celebration," McKinstry said. "This festival offers a unique opportunity for everyone to experience a taste of German culture and experience the vibrancy and excitement of the Soulard neighborhood."



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# July LSRC membership meeting minutes

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 65 residents in attendance. President Pete Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as presented by the secretary.

There were no new residents at this meeting.

## Special Presentation

Chris Goodson gave a brief update on the TIF district. Chris advised the committee is trying to pay more of the debt down. As of tonight (July 8) \$160,000 has been applied to the debt. There are 15 years left on the loan.

Chris also advised the property across from the old City Hospital has changed, the Walgreens should break ground in approximately 30 days. The grocery store is on hold for now due to the economy problems and Starbucks cutting back on

its stores.

## Committee Reports

**Safety** - Don Owens reported that he and Ron Taylor had their meeting on the problem properties and two out of the five properties have been sold. Don requested a letter from the LSRC to be sent to the property owners stating the other three properties will be considered blighted. The court requires the average of three different appraisals to be able to sell the properties.

Ron Taylor and Dave Visintainer, on June 26, went through the neighborhood and found 72 street lights out. AmerenUe and the city have been contacted to start replacing the lights.

Officer Lang advised the crime in the Fourth District is down 16 percent, and year to date is down 14 percent.

Last Sunday a group of 10 to 12 individuals were over on Lafayette Avenue causing trouble. A couple sprayed mace

at them, and the group ran to the other side of the park and accosted a man and his dog in the park.

It's summer, do not leave things in your automobiles, and use your clubs on the steering wheels.

Be alert and call the police if you feel uncomfortable about a situation or a person.

**Treasury** - Pete reported there is \$148,000 in the savings account and \$52,000 in the checking.

**Development** - Keith Houghton advised two people came in and the committee gave advise on their questions.

There should be more information on a large project at the next membership meeting.

## New Business

None

## Old Business

National Night Out - Don Owens advised National Night Out is on Aug



5. And there are six block parties in the neighborhood.

Movies in the Park - Steve and Linda Skinner advised at the July 5th concert in the park, volunteers from the Greentree Community Church dressed as characters from the Wizard of Oz and greeted concert goers.

Hats Off to Hatti - Carol Willmore advised the Hats off to Hattie event raised approximately \$20,000 for the restoration of the Benton statue.

## Announcements

Carol Fischer announced she is trying to organize a bike run to the old trestle at the McKinley

Bridge. She handed out a bike and pedestrian maps to the group. Carol is trying to have this event in the fall when the weather is better.

Linda Weiner needs volunteers to help on some of the spaces in the neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The social was hosted by Chris Goodson and Trace Shaughnessy of Guided Age at The Union

Club on the southeast corner of Lafayette and Jefferson avenues.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Diehl, past membership secretary

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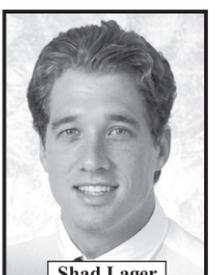
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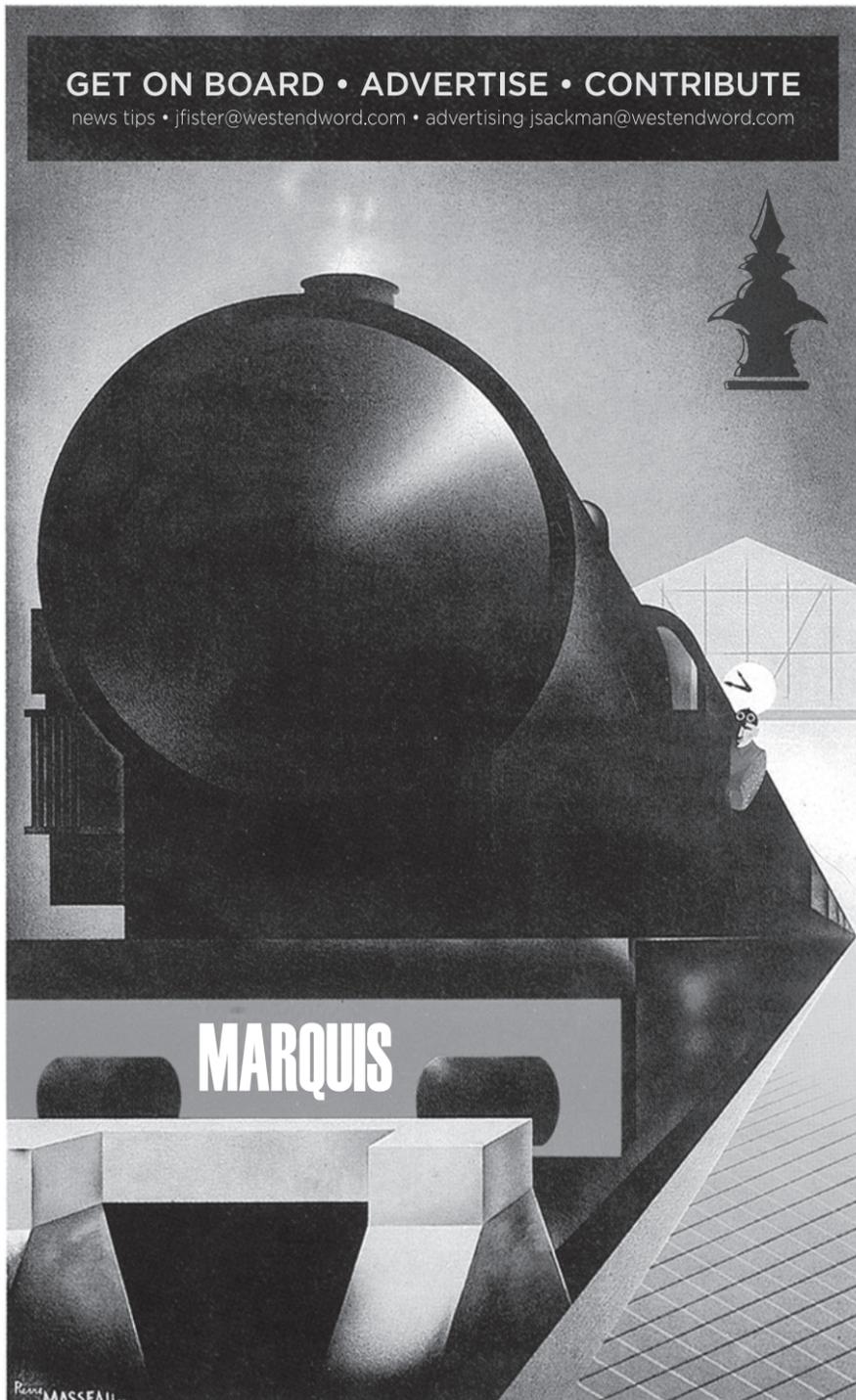
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# August LSRC membership meeting minutes

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 65 to 70 residents in attendance. President Peter Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the July minutes as presented by the past membership secretary. Five new residents introduced themselves to the membership.

## Special Presentation

A group of developers/property owners in the neighborhood gave small presentations on their property developments.

1) Julie Padberg White (not present) advised Pete Snyder that all properties on Chouteau from Mississippi Avenue going east were either being developed or have development plans.

2) Loftwork's property at Park and Dolman (old mop factory) - Out of contract, although the developer is still interested in doing something with the property should the seller decide to reopen negotiations.

3) Chris Dodson, 1900 Park Ave., is planning on opening a grocery store in approximately 60 days. She would like to set up the store up like it was in the old days. Chris passed out a grocer's questionnaire to the membership to turn in or mail in at a later date.

4) John Muller - Lafayette Plaza Condominiums on the park at Park and Mississippi avenues. Start date by the end of the year to early spring. Retail shops on the street level and residential units on the 2nd and 3rd levels. Garage parking will be accessed from the alley.

5) Mike Drinen - recently bought three lots on Dolman between Eden Lofts and the Catholic Church. He is

currently formulating his plans for redevelopment.

6) Dick Stockman - purchased four lots in the 1200 block of Dolman Street. He plans on building two double townhouses two stories high.

7) Jeff Winzerling, The Praxair site - due to the economy, financing is extremely difficult and things are not looking good. They are exploring an apartment complex or townhouses. Would like the neighborhood to think about allowing trucks to park on the site for now.

8) Ellen - The Church of Scientology brought photos of what they plan to do to the inside of the building. They are currently in their fund raising period. They will have a fund raising event at the end of this month. They are hopeful to start the project in the spring.

9) Lafayette Walk at Mississippi and Chouteau avenues (not present) - in a phone conversation they reported starting on the final unit next spring.

Afterwards there was some discussion from the membership about some of the projects.

## Committee Reports

**Safety** - The National Night Out event was held Aug 5. The numbers show it was a pretty successful event. Missouri Avenue had 70 people, Taylor's group had 39, the Etlings had 30, Stone had 65 to 70, Waverly Place had 15 and Kennett Place had 15. In total, approximately 240 people attended the event.

Officer Lang advised crime is down 10.7 percent in the Square. Please continue to use the club on your vehicles. Call 911 if things do not look or feel right to you, use your gut feelings and call the police. Even if you report

something and it turns out not to be a problem, the phone call is a record on file that a service call was needed.

**Treasury** - Sue Bauer reported there is \$52,862 in the checking and \$148,030 in the savings account.

**Development** - Keith Houghton advised a new grocery store is about to open at 1900 Park Avenue in approximately 60 days.

1101 S. 18th St., Walter Moody wants to put a fence up on the LaSalle side of the property. The development committee advised Walter that the fence has to be a foot back from the current wall on the street. Walter is going to appeal the decision at the next Heritage meeting set for Aug 25.

The property at 2350 Park Ave. has a black vinyl chain link fence up in the back of the building.

2026 Lafayette (old mortgage building) - when the mortgage company moved out, the property reverted back to residential zoning. A new antique shop wants to have it changed back to commercial zoning. This would be a conditional variance change.

The development committee recommends we go with a conditional variance at this property at 2024-26 Lafayette Ave. A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

## Announcements

Susan Sauer announced that this year's Tour de la Lafayette bike race is on Aug 29.

There will be approximately 150 racers from around the country here on that weekend.

Sign up sheets were sent around for volunteers to sign up on the bike race.

Matt Brazelton of Four Muddy Paws announced Lafayette Square Businesses and Stray Rescue will be having "Stray Cocktails" at the SqWires fountain area from 4 to 7 p.m. every Friday in September.

April Breeden announced the Second Annual Urban Health Fair & Market will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 13 on Park Avenue between 18th Street and Mississippi Avenue.

Also, if you want the current information about the Praxair site, go to [www.Praxairwatch.com](http://www.Praxairwatch.com).

John Bishop advised the "Walking Tour" committee is coming along. They will have more information at the next meeting.

The September meeting will feature nominations for the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee and also nominations for the Lafayette Square Board. So here is your opportunity to get more involved the your neighborhood and what goes on in the community. If you or someone you know would like to get involved, contact Pete Snyder or any board member.

Neighborhood directories are available now. Contact your block captain for a copy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Diehl, past membership secretary



**NEWS TIPS?**  
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By Patricia Corrigan



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# Soulard chefs offer tasty summer recipes

By Sandra Zak  
Soulard Market

Soulard Market has just completed its 10th Annual Chefs at the Market program, and it was an incredible year. Featuring Soulard chefs exclusively this year really highlighted what an amazingly talented group of people practice their art in the neighborhood.

This month features the recipes from Chris Stein, the recently promoted Executive Chef with Patty Long Catering and Justin Kiemon, the Franco chef whose creative ideas never cease to surprise.

This Chris Stein recipe was a delicious summer meal and a big hit with Soulard shoppers.

## Lobster and Avocado Salad with Pineapple Salsa & Fried Plantain Chips

1 1/4 c chopped lobster meat small diced  
1 avocado small diced  
1 lime  
1 tbs fresh cilantro finely chopped  
1 tbs mayo  
Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

### Pineapple Salsa

1/4 c very finely chopped pineapple  
2 tbs very finely chopped red bell pepper  
1 tsp finely chopped chives  
1 tsp very finely chopped hot chile pepper (optional)

### Plantain Chips

1 green plantain cut very thinly  
frying oil  
season salt  
Lobster can be bought pre-cooked or one small lobster can be bought live, boiled and cleaned. Small dice the lobster meat

reserving 1/4 cup of lobster (save claw meat if using whole lobster).

In a food processor, add reserved lobster meat and mayo. Blend on low speed till smooth.

In a mixing bowl, add avocado, then lime juice, one cup of lobster meat, the lobster mayo and cilantro, lightly toss careful not to crush avocado.

Very finely chop the pineapple, peppers, and chives and toss in small mixing bowl.

Slice plantain very thinly, preferably on a mandolin slicer if available. Fry, with a deep fryer or in a sauté pan with hot vegetable oil, till crispy. Flavor with a seasoned salt to taste.

Lobster salad can either be served in a bowl with salsa and chips as garnish or a 2 tsp of salad can be served on a chip with a small salsa topping.

With these quick recipes, Justin Keimon showed us how to make simple food taste extraordinary.

## Crowder Peas with Bacon

2 cups crowder peas, fresh shelled  
1/4 Cup bacon, chopped  
1/4 Cup yellow Onions, Small Diced  
1 t Garlic, Minced  
1 t butter  
1 1/2 Cups water  
Salt and Pepper To Taste  
Remove the peas from the pods. Cut and measure remaining ingredients.

In a medium saucepot add in the diced bacon and put on a medium flame. Cook the bacon until it just starts to crisp.

Next add in the butter and then the onion cook until soft. Add the garlic and cook for one more minute.

Now add the water and simmer the peas until tender. This may take anywhere from 15-30 minutes depending on the pea.

When tender remove from the heat season with salt and pepper.

## Corn Salad

4 cups corn, freshly shucked, cut off cob and washed  
1 cup red pepper, small diced  
1/2 cup Poblano pepper, small diced  
1 T garlic, minced  
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1/2 cup parsley, chopped  
2 T chives  
1 cup yellow onion, small diced  
2 T basil (fresh only), Julienned  
Salt and pepper to taste  
First remove the husks from the corn.

Now cut off the corn kernels and place them in a large bowl. Fill the bowl with water. You will see clear corn skins floating in the water, remove these skins with a mesh strainer or your hands. Do this process two or three times. Let the corn drain.

Cut up and measure out remaining ingredients.

In a large sauté pan on a medium high heat add in the olive oil, when hot add in the onion and cook until clear in color. Add in the diced peppers and cook until soft. Add the garlic and cook for one more minute.

Add in the corn and cook until tender. This will take three to five minutes. Let cool.

When cool add in the herbs and adjust the seasoning with salt and fresh black pepper. This salad may either be served chilled, at room temperature or hot.

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**3954 BOTANICAL \$219,000**  
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