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Re-cycling

The premiere Midwest cycling event, Gateway Cup will return to Lafayette Square Sept. 3; event draws cyclists from around the world

By Michael Weiss
Marquis contributor

On Sept. 3, Lafayette Square will once again host the first day of the premiere competitive cycling event in the Midwest, the THF Realty Gateway Cup. The Tour de Lafayette will begin at 3 p.m. with amateur races, followed by several increasingly faster heats until the evening main events, the men's and women's professional events.

With tower lights illuminating the streets around Lafayette Square the speed and intensity is amplified by the shadows and sound of the speeding cyclists. This annual event brings the passion and excitement of competitive cycling to the neighborhood and transform it into a free-to-the-public professional sporting venue.

Complimenting the race will be a pedestrian-friendly expo and vendor area at the intersection Mississippi and Park just past the finish line, supported by many of the neighborhood's best restaurants and businesses.

Children's races will punctuate the amateur races, with monies raised being donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

With the loss of the Tour of Missouri professional cycling race, the Tour de Lafayette and the THF Realty Gateway Cup are filling the void, with many of the top American teams committing star riders. Anyone interested in more information about volunteering or sponsoring the event can access information at www.gatewaycup.com.

The THF Realty Gateway Cup has a total purse of almost \$40,000 and attracts more than 500 unique racers from across the United States and Europe to St. Louis. Many of the top racers in the United States have participated in the Gateway Cup of the past 25 years and have gone on to win National Championships and compete in the Tour de France and World Championships.

The organizers are proud to showcase America's top cycling talent in several of St. Louis' best neighborhoods.



Photo courtesy of Wayne White

A cyclist celebrates as he crosses the finish line during last year's Gateway Cup bike race. The event draws some of the top racers from the U.S., who often continue on to the Tour de France.

Legislature makes changes to state pensions

By Jeanette Mott Oxford
State Representative, 59th District

Changes to state workers pensions

On July 19 Gov. Jay Nixon signed legislation that will make changes in the state employee pension system for new workers hired starting in 2011. Lawmakers passed the pension bill, along with separate legislation to

provide tax breaks for the Ford Motor Co. assembly plant in Claycomo, Mo., during a three-week special legislative session that wrapped up on July 14.

The pension measure is projected to save the state \$660 million over 10 years (although I think these projections may overstate the "savings"). The Ford bill is expected to siphon up to \$150 million from the state treasury over that same period. The Ford plant has made no promises in response to the aid package passed by the general assembly and signed into law.

The pension changes include requiring new state workers to pay 4 percent of their salaries toward their retirement; boosting their standard retire age from 62 to 67; and doubling the vesting period needed to collect state retirement benefits from five years of service to 10 years.

Elected officials who take office starting in 2011, however, will get a better deal than rank-and-file employees. Although the standard retirement age for elected officials will jump from 55 to 62, the vesting periods will remain at six years for lawmakers and four years for statewide elected officials.

I voted no on these changes to state

worker pensions because: Missouri's state workers are the lowest paid in the nation and a good pension is a way to help retain good workers; elected officials should not be favored by pension rules that are more generous than those for other state workers; and the erosion of pension benefits in private enterprise should be questioned and challenged instead of reinforced by weakening public pensions.

Tough budget times continue

Missouri budget officials are projecting a \$600 million shortfall in the state operating budget for the 2012 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2011. The gap is due in large part to the depletion and expiration of \$860 million in short-term federal funding Missouri has used to soften the impact of budget cuts during the last two years.

State agencies are being told that \$280 million in spending cuts Gov. Nixon made to the FY 2011 budget will be permanent. The administration also instructed agencies not to request funding for building repair or construction unless they have a dedicated

funding source for such projects.

Executive Order 10-24 expands civil rights protections for state workers and state services

On July 9 Gov. Jay Nixon signed Executive Order 10-24, which directs state executive branch agencies not to discriminate against employees based on their sexual orientation. It establishes the administration's policy prohibiting various types of discrimination related to hiring, firing, promotions and compensation at state agencies.

The order, in part, says: "The State of Missouri shall work to ensure that there will be no vestiges of discrimination against persons on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability; not only in employment practices but in the provision of services and the operation of facilities."

We still need to pass the Missouri Non-Discrimination Act to offer statewide civil rights protections to all, but I celebrate this step forward and thank our governor for issuing the order.

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A stroll around the Square reveals much

By Linda Skinner
LSRC President

Please join me as I take a stroll through our lovely neighborhood. Let's start at Truman Parkway. Over there to the left we see one of our new neighbors, 90 degrees west. I believe they make commercials there. Walk a little further to the right and we see giant sunflowers, lavender and vegetables galore. Let's say "hi" to Al as he picks some big, ripe tomatoes from his plot at the community garden. As we leave the garden, we notice Four Muddy Paws Healthy Pet Market. Let's go in and take a peek. What a great selection of items for pets! I just purchased a Cardinals jacket for my granddog Jack.

Now let's cross the street and visit the Plaza. We see Spencer and Greta riding their bikes, and Laura giving pennies to her kids to make wishes in the fountain. We also notice a couple sitting on a bench admiring the beautiful landscaping. Trova Gifts looks inviting, so let's go inside. And we must stop in Schwaig Art Glass Works so I can get that butterfly suncatcher I've been wanting. Moving on and walking past J. Arthur's Salon I remember it's time for a pedicure so we stop so I can make an appointment. Let's cross the street now. After seeing the cute baby clothes in the window at Looking Glass Designs I know where I can get a baby gift for Kara when the time comes. Let's stop for a moment to say "hi" to Mike and Brian as they enter the new police substation.

Looking over to the left we notice the signs on the Lafayette Park gates for the concerts and next movie. Wow, our neigh-

borhood has a lot of activities to attend! As we cross the street we pause to let a big group of bicyclists pass. They must be preparing for the Tour de Lafayette bike race that's coming up. As we enter the park let's move to the right so we can let Rich pass by with his dog. Oh! A big stretch limo is pulling up on Mississippi by the grotto. A wedding party is exiting and they are heading to the bridge for their wedding photos. Look to the left and notice Sue and Carolyn gardening at the grotto. Let's say "hi" to them and tell them how much we appreciate what they do.

Do you hear that laughter? Let's go and check it out. It's coming from the playground. We see about 10 kids having fun. Now let's go over to the lake. I forgot my usual bag of stale bread, but there is a family feeding the ducks and there is frenzy. The kids are all smiles and the fowl ready. Time to move on now to check out the action up on the baseball field. It looks like the Perfectos are playing and people are cheering for their home team. A little girl is shouting, "Run, Daddy, run!" Let's move on to the Rock Garden. Rebecca is there working as usual. Let's stop and tell her how pretty it looks and smells.

Our long walk has made me hungry. Where shall we go for dinner? Do we want to sit inside in the air-conditioning or outside on the patio or at the café tables? There are so many delicious choices, not to mention the spots we can walk to for after-dinner drinks and dessert. Isn't that what makes Lafayette Square so wonderful? Places to go, people to see and another great day in the Square!

August safety tip

Don't forget the back of your property! A well-cared-for alley creates a feeling that people use the area. An uncared-for alley appears abandoned.

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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.

— Kara Krekeler, editor
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Upcoming events in the Square

Aug. 14	11 a.m. 6 to 9 p.m.	Cyclones Base Ball Game Concert — Big Bamou
Aug. 20	7 p.m.	Friday Night Social
Aug. 28	11 a.m. 6 to 9 p.m.	Perfectos Base Ball Game Concert — The Wild, Cool and Swingin' Orchestra
Sept. 3	4 to 11 p.m. 7 p.m.	Tour de Lafayette — Gateway Cup Bike Race Friday Night Social
Sept. 11	All Day 6 to 9 p.m.	Jeremiah Fruin Base Ball Festival Concert — Javier Mendoza
Sept. 14	7 p.m.	LSRC General Membership Meeting
Sept. 17	7 p.m.	Friday Night Social
Sept. 18	10 to 5 p.m. 6 p.m.	Urban Health Fair & Market Movie in the Park — <i>The Incredibles</i>
Oct. 1	7 p.m.	Friday Night Social
Oct. 2	TBA	LPC Trivia Night
Oct. 12	7 p.m.	LSRC General Membership Meeting
Oct. 15	7 p.m.	Friday Night Social
Oct. 23	11 a.m.	Cyclones Base Ball Game

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LPUMC is place to help get ready for school

By Debra Crowe
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

Although the temperatures indicate that it's definitely still summer, it will be just a short time before local schools are welcoming students back for a new school year. If you have school-aged kids, you know that it takes a lot of supplies to equip them for a new year.

At Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, we're collecting items to create "success bags" for students at Hodgen Elementary. The bags will each have: a box of 24 crayons; a 70-page theme book; #2 pencils; a glue stick; a chunky pink eraser; a black or blue stick pen; a pocket folder; and a general (no names) note of encouragement.

If you'd like to contribute to this effort to encourage students — and to help offset the cost of sending a child back to school — please bring items from the following list with you on Sunday morning (there are green baskets in the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall) or to the church during the weekday hours of 9 a.m. to noon. Come to the red door that faces the parking lot on the west side of the church and ring the bell.

The items will be assembled into kits and delivered to the school. You may donate items to create a set, or contribute multiples of the same item. All donations are appreciated. We're also asking for boxes of face tissue and bottles of hand sanitizer for the classrooms.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation and have someone from the church shop for you, please make your check payable to Lafayette Park UMC

and write "Hodgen school supplies" in the memo line. Thank you for helping to make going back to school a little happier for some neighborhood kids, and a little easier for their parents.

If your little ones aren't quite old enough for full-time school, check out LPUMC's preschool. Starting its 33rd year this fall, the program is a cooperative preschool that gives parents the opportunity to participate in their children's early learning experience. If you'd like to know more, please contact Edna at lpreschool@sbcglobal.net.

To expand your own knowledge of things past and present, and how one influences the other, please join us for worship on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Come downstairs to Fellowship Hall afterwards. There will be coffee and tea, and the opportunity to get to know more about the people and programs of LPUMC.

Learn how we participate in our community (site for Lafayette Square food co-op deliveries, October Pumpkin Patch); reach out to those who are in need (Habitat for Humanity, annual mission trips to Juarez, Mexico, to build homes); and support the church globally (sponsorship of a seminary student in Mozambique, Africa). Learn how you, too, can make a difference and how your own life can be changed.

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church is located at 2300 Lafayette Ave., one block east of Jefferson. Sunday morning worship is at 9:30 a.m. You may reach us by phone at 771-9214 or visit our website at www.lp-umc.org.

Community garden news

By Linda Weiner
Lafayette Square

Help wanted with community garden

Some time back I had written requesting a volunteer or two to head a new community garden in Lafayette Square. Having run out of space at our first location at Park and Dolman, which now has 36 beds and almost double that number of gardeners, two volunteers stepped forward to begin the process by agreeing to write the Gateway Greening Grant available Aug. 6 and due back Nov. 12; begin speaking with our alderman, Lafayette Square residents and board members; and contact the city agency, the Land Reutilization Authority, to inquire about a site. Unfortunately, both volunteers have said that they are no longer available.

If anyone else is interested in spearheading and managing a second garden, I can provide support and guidance but I

cannot take on the management of more at this time. Please contact me at 621-7071 or email me at Linderweiner@gmail.com.

American In Bloom to visit community garden

We are honored to welcome a visit by America In Bloom, a professional organization of city planners and others involved in beautifying their towns and cities public spaces, which is meeting here in St. Louis for its annual conference. Our garden, as well as Soulard's garden and City Seeds Urban Garden, will be featured. Stop by and say hello on from 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 2!

Muchas, muchas gracias!

Many thanks to Bill Heggerty, Don Owens and Charlie Hoffman for helping out with mowing at the community orchard and the community garden this summer! What a difference three passes with a riding mower can make!

Get connected!

There are lots of ways to get connected with your neighbors in Lafayette Square:

In person — Neighborhood meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Lafayette and Missouri avenues. Meeting agendas and minutes are located on the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee site of SquareShare.

By e-mail — Lafayette Square has a group on Yahoo. For a link to join, visit www.lafayettesquare.org. You will need a Yahoo e-mail address to join, but you can

use your own e-mail address to send and receive messages.

By web — SquareShare is the collaborative gateway (website) for Lafayette Square. Every resident or business owner can contribute. Visit www.lafayettesquare.org for a link. To register, send an e-mail to helpdesk@lafayettesqr.com with your name, address and preferred e-mail address.

By print — All residents are invited to submit articles to be published in the *Marquis*, space permitting. Registered users can submit articles and photos via SquareShare on the News Desk tab, or you can e-mail them directly to newsdesk@lafayettesqr.com.

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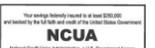
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Health fair returns Sept. 18

The Urban Health Initiative will host its fourth annual Urban Health Fair and Market on Park Avenue in the Lafayette Square Business District from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18.

This free street festival features wellness workshops; free yoga, zumba and Pilates classes; and live music by The Funky Butt Brass Band, Los Flamencos and Jane Godfrey. Children's activities, local seasonal food and a healthy pets section make this a fun event for every member of the family. Festival-goers can sample massage, acupuncture, nervous system scans, nutritional drinks and more, and can speak one-on-one with more than 35 wellness professionals committed to healthy living options in the city of St. Louis and the greater metro area.

The event has grown in size, reach and energy since its inception in 2007.

As more holistic practitioners reach out to their local community and more St. Louis residents become committed to living healthy, balanced lives, the event has moved from a simple educational experience to a true festival atmosphere, with organizers and attendees alike reveling in the celebration of abundant health and vitality.

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 health care options in St. Louis, and unite and empower wellness-focused professionals serving the St. Louis community.

To learn more about the Urban Health Fair & Market or the Urban Health Initiative, call 762-0669, email urbanhealthfair@gmail.com or visit www.urbanhealthfair.org.

Arts Council to partner with burn support group

By Jennifer Weston
Arts Council of Lafayette Park

On Sept. 18, the Arts Council of Lafayette Park will partner with Burns Recovered Support Group for its second Movies in the Park event of the summer. The St. Louis-based BRSG was formed in 1983 by a group of burn survivors with the assistance of members of the burn care team at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. The organization's mission is to assist burn survivors in their recovery, support medical facilities in the care of burns in Missouri and educate the public in burn awareness and prevention.

BRSG has many programs to assist burn survivors including: the Missouri Children's Burn Camp, housing assistance

fund, scholarship fund, back-to-school/work re-entry, peer support, a fire safety house, juvenile firesetter intervention, a hospital burn unit support, prevention and education, as well as other public awareness programs. For more information, visit the organization's website at www.brsg.org.

Lafayette Fire Company No. 1 restaurant, which supports BRSG, will also be participating in the movie event. Moviegoers should expect to see firemen, EMS workers and their vehicles. Fire safety will be a theme. Juggling Jeff will make a repeat performance. There will be arts and crafts (including superhero capes!) and games for kids and adults alike. The movie *The Incredibles* will be shown at dusk. Visit www.lafayettesquare.org for more information.

Jeremiah Fruin vintage base ball festival returns to park Sept. 11



By Chris Duggan
Lafayette Square Cyclone BBC

The Greater St. Louis Base Ball Historical Society will present its annual Jeremiah Fruin Vintage Base Ball Festival on Sept. 11 in Lafayette Park.

The community is invited to enjoy an entire day of vintage base ball with the organization's three teams — the St. Louis Perfectos, the Lafayette Square Cyclone BBC and the St. Louis Brown Stockings — as well as vintage teams from throughout the region.

Karl "Moonshine" Krekeler hits one "into the pasture" at a St. Louis Perfectos vintage base ball game. The Perfectos will host the Jeremiah Fruin Festival Sept. 11.

Dave Moore photo

Admission is free, as always, and bleacher seating is not available, so visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Specific game times will be posted at a later date on Square Share at lafayettesqr.com.

The organization will also raffle off a seatback from the former Busch Stadium demolished in 2005. Autographed by the Cardinal organization's five Hall of Fame players, the seatback is a rare collector's item. Tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20. Proceeds will benefit a local charity. A winner will be drawn at the conclusion of the festival.

The festival's namesake, Jeremiah Fruin, has been called the father of base ball in St. Louis. While the game was being played in St. Louis when he arrived

in 1861, Fruin, who had played for some of the top teams in New York, brought his knowledge of the game to the young men in the area.

He was quoted in the 1910 book *The National Game* as saying he, "gave the boys I found playing ... a few lessons on the improved methods of play."

Currently, vintage base ball is played according to the rules in effect in 1860. Players use the equipment, uniforms and language of the era, so audience members, or cranks, watch something that is a real competition but also consists of living history.

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Design is more than just pretty

By Theresa Iezzi
Design Extra Studio

In an age of HGTV and do-it-yourself design, the question of "What is good design?" is often up for debate. The style and aesthetic options and combinations for our built environment seem endless. That's not even touching on the different types of design such as environmental 'green' design or universal design. On average we spend 95 percent of our lives indoors, so it makes sense that we insist on enjoyable spaces. But, the question remains: "What makes for a good design?"

Good design goes further than aesthetics and balancing budgets. Green design goes further than lowering your energy bill. Universal design is more than just being handicap accessible. Good design goes beyond these things and centers around how you live, how you work, and how you play. It not only supports and reflects your own lifestyle, it enhances who you are and what you are trying to accomplish.

Good design does not care about how much money you make or how much space there is to work with. It wants to be seen and felt in homes, hospitals, libraries and music halls. While the theories of what makes a design good or bad are endless, if the space enhances and enriches the lives of the end users, you know you have found the answer to good design.

Now a bigger question is left in our minds, how do we create this feeling of good design? Graphic Designer Erik Adigard once said, "Design is in everything we make, but it's also between those things. It's a mix of craft, science, storytelling, propaganda and philosophy."

Adigard's quote provides great perspective and gives a peek into the answer. When he says, "It's a mix of craft, science, storytelling, propaganda, and philosophy," the answer seems to point to one idea: balance.

Good design is a mix of all the things you need balanced with all the things you want. When all the decisions throughout the design process come back to the main idea of enhancing and enriching the end users experience, you can create a well-tailored and personal design.

It's a designer's task to balance all of the little details and dynamics so you can get to the right design *for you*. When all of these details and decisions are balanced the main goal of enhancing *your* life style and creating a space that balances *your* ideals you will inevitably end up with a good design.

And this is just good design. Good should always move to better. The right design should always move to the best design. It's an ever-changing world for a designer, but if these basic ideals of balance hold strong through all the trends and fads of the years, not only our built environment but our daily lives will benefit.

Design Extra Studio is a full service commercial and residential interior design studio new to the Lafayette Square neighborhood. We would like to thank the Lafayette Square business district for such a warm welcome, and we look forward to getting to know more of our new neighbors!

Rock Garden irrigation is in, needs funds

By Robert Bischoff
Lafayette Park Conservancy

Good news! The Rock Garden irrigation system has now been installed and is operating. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who donated so generously to make this project happen.

Special thanks go to the Flora Conservancy, headquartered in Forest Park, (see its website at www.floraconservancy.org), which provided a \$3,000 challenge grant, and to the St. Louis Master Gardeners (www.stlmg.com) organization, which provided a grant of \$500. With automated watering, our team of volunteer gardeners that maintains this area will now be able to concentrate exclusively on pruning, weeding and planting to further improve the Rock Gardens multi-seasonal beauty and appeal.

Along with the good news, however, we must unfortunately report that the cost of the new irrigation system exceeded the original contract of \$6,200 by \$2,600. The extra expense was incurred because the city water supply we originally planned to use could supply only 20 pounds of water pressure — far less than the 40-plus pounds



Lafayette Park's Rock Garden

Robert Bischoff photo

needed. As a result we had to use a water source that was 450 feet from the Rock Garden, which added substantially to the original cost.

Rather than delay this long-awaited irrigation project, the Conservancy went ahead with it by arranging a time payment plan: the original \$6,200 now and the remaining \$2,600 by the end of 2010.

That gives us a few more months to raise the money. If you can help fund the

added cost of this important system, please contribute online by clicking the "Donate" button at www.lafayettepark.org or send checks via postal mail to: LPC-Rock Garden, 2023 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104.

If you haven't visited the Rock Garden lately I assure you it's worth a trip. Summer flowers and other plants have filled out nicely and the irrigation system is paying big dividends.

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July LSRC membership meeting minutes

MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2010 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 68 residents in attendance. President Linda Skinner called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the June 2010 meeting minutes.

Committee reports

Problem properties update — Don Owens reminded the membership that house numbers must appear on the back on every property (e.g. fence, etc). This is a city ordinance and there is a \$50 fine for non-compliance. Homeowners will be fined for any materials dumped behind their property whether it's theirs or not. Eighteen properties have been identified with excessive weed growth.

Security/mobile patrol — Mike Petetit reported clubs are still for sale (\$11 each). See Mike or Don to purchase one. The new Fourth District Captain is Ken Kegel, a 30-year veteran of the police department. The substation is up and running and very well received and has the attention of a number of other city neighborhood organizations. A new tri-fold brochure is being created for the Victim Support Group. There are currently six active neighborhood orders of protection in place. Mike reviewed a proposal for a new fence to be erected adjacent to Truman Parkway running from Eden Lofts to the former mop factory. The fence would be similar

to the Eden Loft parking lot fence: 6 feet tall, black and galvanized. No LSRC funds are currently allocated for this project. Timing is TBD. A straw vote was taken in the meeting and 67 of those present were in favor of the fence, one was against. Glen Eckert will be the new block captain commander.

May/June crime update — Officer Brian Min reported that we had the best June in six years in terms of safety and on track for the best-ever July. There was drug activity reported on July 2 at the gas station at the corner of Jefferson and Lafayette. Officer Min reminded everyone to remain aware of his or her surroundings.

Alderman Triplett — Beginning in July there will be an \$11 monthly charge on your water bill for trash collection. This will be billed beginning in October. There will still be twice-a-week pick-up, bulk pick-up, etc. Details are still pending on the proposed single stream recycling program beginning in 2011. The Sheet Metal Workers are building a new training and administration building at Jefferson and Chouteau. The former Foodland building is available for lease or purchase. The proposed charter school is a non-start on this site. See the smart-phone application SeeClickFix.com to report problem properties or other non-emergency issues.

Rachel Smith, circuit attorney's office — The judges and others are recognizing Lafayette Square in the circuit attorney's office for our proactive approach to reducing crime in our neighborhood. The neighborhood impact statements go into the individual's file and the judge reviews them prior to sentencing. It's all about the witness details. Call 911 and report every detail you can, it's recorded and can

be used by the prosecution. Write down any details in your own words right away it helps you remember the details. Take photos and record any details to help you remember even two or three years after the crime.

Community Affairs — Steve Skinner reported that the new substation is accepting snacks and non-alcoholic beverages (e.g. water, vitamin water, etc). Drop off with Andrea at Looking Glass Designs. Cameras are being expanding to include the Georgian Condominiums.

Development — J. Watson Scott reported that Cultural Resources reviewed proposed changes to the historic code and they recommended certain sections on new construction be tightened up. Proposed changes can be viewed at www.lafayettesquare.org. They will be reviewed once again in a public meeting at the Barr Branch Library in August (date pending). It will be voted upon during the **public meeting** and finally going to the Board of Alderman for final approval in September. The projected cost for the new historic lighting in the neighborhood is approximately \$2 million. Options are being reviewed to extend the current TIF in place. The TIF brings in about \$400,000 currently on an annual basis.

Finance — There is now \$70,000 in the unreserved fund. The motion to allocate \$7,000 from the unreserved fund balance in a new budget line item for the support of the new substation passed. A new substation budget line will be part of the 2011 budget.

Lafayette Park Conservancy — Sue Pinker Dodd announced that the LPC will be hosting a trivia night on Oct. 2. If you see fishing line near the lake please pick it up and dispose of it. It is hazardous and

possibly deadly for the waterfowl.

Beautification — Linda Weiner requested help with weeding throughout the neighborhood. Contact her at 621-7071 on how to assist in neighborhood beautification.

Arts Council — Jennifer Weston reported that *Shrek* on July 10 attracted more than 130 children. Proceeds benefited The Bridge. The next movie is Sept. 18 featuring *The Incredibles*. More info to be posted on Square Share (sign up via www.lafayettesquare.org) Questions, contact Jennifer at 772-1705.

Neighborhood directory — Jennifer Weston is coordinating the neighborhood directory. To ensure your information is accurate in the directory please contact her via the help desk on Square Share (www.lafayettesquare.org).

Upcoming meetings and events

A concert in the park will be held at 6 p.m. July 17 at the Betsy Cook Pavilion.

The development committee will meet at 7 p.m. July 20 at the Park House.

A concert in the park will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Betsy Cook Pavilion.

The LSRC Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Park House.

The LSRC general membership will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

The after-meeting social was hosted by Tom and Lynne Keay at 1529 Vail Place. Many thanks to our hosts!

Respectfully submitted,
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Barr Branch Public Library upcoming events

AUGUST

16 Creative Kids: Joke Bookmarks. Celebrate Tell A Joke Day with this silly craft. Grades K-12. 4-5 p.m.

19 GED Path to Success. Adults. 4-6 p.m.

21 Movies that Ramble/Movies that Gamble: *Cleopatra and the Casino of Gold*, starring Tamara Dobson and Stella Stevens. 3-5 p.m. Adults.

23 Storytime. Stories, songs and more. Toddler/Preschool. Groups of five or more register in advance. 11-11:30 a.m.

25 Play Catch Phrase. Is your catch phrase better than mine? Think fast! This electronic game is quick. Grades 6-12. 4-5 p.m.

26 Family Movie: *Pride*. 4-6 p.m. Families GED Path to Success. Adults. 4-6 p.m.

30 Game Time. Play board and card games. Grades K-6. 4-5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

2 Creative Kids: Hanging Japanese Fish. Grades K-6. 4-5 p.m.
GED Path to Success. Adults. 4-6 p.m.

4 Movie: *College Road Trip*, starring

Raven Symone and Martin Lawrence. Adults. 3-5 p.m.

8 Got Game? Have fun with Xbox 360 and Wii games at your library. Grades 5-12. 4-6 p.m.

9 GED Path to Success. Adults. 4-6 p.m.

13 Storytime. Stories, songs and more. Toddler/Preschool. Groups of five or more register in advance. 11-11:30 a.m.

Game Time. Play board and card games. Grades K-6. 4-5 p.m.

15 Iron Chef Cookie Off. Compete to be the library's iron chef. Grades 5-12. 4-5 p.m.

16 GED Path to Success. Adults. 4-6 p.m.

18 Movie: *The Hangover*, starring Ed Helms and Bradley Cooper. Adults. 3-5 p.m.

23 GED Path to Success. Adults. 4-6 p.m.

27 Storytime. Stories, songs and more. Toddler/Preschool. Groups of five or more register in advance. 11-11:30 a.m.

All events take place at the Barr Branch of the St. Louis Public Library, 1701 S. Jefferson Ave. For hours or more information call 771-7040.

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New website, apps make reporting problems easier

By Kacie Starr Triplett
Sixth Ward Alderwoman

There is now an easy way to report issues in your neighborhood that are in need of an immediate city response. In the past, residents have usually contacted the Citizen's Service Bureau to report tree limbs in need of trimming, potholes, vacant buildings and other concerns. Now there is an application available for download on your home computer and cell phone that allows for a much easier and efficient way to report city issues.

See, Click, Fix (www.seeclickfix.com) is a new website that allows for city residents to report concerns in three quick and easy steps. It is important for us all to work together to report concerns. Perhaps you are familiar with the "broken windows theory" introduced by social scientists in the 1980's, which theorizes that maintaining the quality of life in neighborhoods happens by addressing the small issues, so they don't have the opportunity to advance into more serious problems.

See, Click, Fix helps our neighborhood quickly and efficiently "fix" neighborhood

concerns.

How See, Click, Fix works:

- Go to www.seeclickfix.com and type in "St. Louis."
- Report your issue. From here you may report any issue you may have, such as a pothole, vacant building or damaged street lights. You also have the option of uploading a picture from your cell phone camera via apps for iPhones and Blackberries.
- Track your issue. All issues are forwarded to the Citizen's Service Bureau. They will provide an update for when the issue is scheduled to be addressed.

Make sure you visit See, Click, Fix today. I have created a public watch area named "Sixth Ward Neighbors;" from there you can track all issues and areas of concern within the Sixth Ward.

Let me know what you think of See, Click, Fix by contacting me at Triplettk@stlouiscity.com. Also, make sure you spread the word about See, Click, Fix to your friends and family. The more folks we have in our neighborhood, Seeing, Clicking and Fixing, the better off we all are!

Neighborhood directory coming soon. Make sure you're in it!

The Lafayette Square Neighborhood Directory will be published in August and we need your help to ensure that we have your correct information.

Please visit www.lafayettesquare.org for a link to SquareShare. Registered

users can update their phone number and address, or they can choose to opt-out of the directory. If you have not registered, please send an e-mail to helpdesk@lafayettesqr.com with your name, address and preferred e-mail address.

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Lafayette Square Restoration Committee 2010 Membership Form

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2110 LAFAYETTE \$400,000
Victorian manor facing Lafayette Park with a spacious updated interior and a great blend of historic elegance paired with modern updates. This beauty has 5 bedrooms and 3.5 premium bathrooms in 4200 sq. ft.



3959 WYOMING ST. \$299,000
Impeccable Tower Grove South charmer with 2.5 stories and a fully finished basement of living space. The home sits on a large lot with a wonderful brick oversized garage. Hardwood flrs, tons of storage, kitchen bar/island, a two story back porch and a new paved back patio.



6601 ALAMO \$435,000

3-family in the heart of Clayton and walking distance to the restaurants and shops of Demun. Large first-floor 3 bedroom unit boasts an upgraded kitchen with new maple cabinets, granite counters and stainless appliances. The hardwood floors are newly refinished, loads of closet space, and even an in-unit W/D. The upstairs offers two, one bedroom units, one of which is fully updated similar to the first floor. Each unit has an outdoor balcony space perfect for grilling. There are also 4 detached garage parking spots in addition to ample street parking.

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Beautifully restored Victorian on a private street surrounding a peaceful park. Kitchen cabinets custom built by current owner, kitchen and entire home decor is period perfect. Three bedrooms and 2 1/2 bath home. Lot is a park in itself with stone walkway leading through beautiful landscaping. Off street parking.



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4060 OLEATHA \$128,500
Superdaring brick and stone bungalow on a cufe street. Hardwood floors, stained glass, excellent colors, lots of updates. Has a 1 car garage and a large unfinished attic space that could easily be turned into additional bedrooms.



7447 OVERBROOK DR. \$100,000
Charming Pasadena Hills home in beautiful subdivision, accessed thru impressive entry gates & manicured blvd. street w/large trees, fountains & lamplights.



2321 RUTGER \$135,000
Lafayette Square fee-simple townhome. End unit provides lots of natural light. Newer deck off the dining room. Tuck-under garage. Owner is installing new carpet in the second bedroom. Home warranty included.



4057 CASTLEMAN \$125,000
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5653 WATERMAN \$141,900
Great Metropolis condo right next to the pool. This 3rd floor unit is light and airy with gleaming hardwood floors and maple kitchen with breakfast bar, quartz countertops and stainless appliances. In-unit laundry, secured gated off-street parking and additional storage.