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Zoning change may encourage Praxair move

By April Breeden
Lafayette Square

In last month's issue of the *Marquis*, I predicted that we would know more about Praxair's search for a new location by Feb. 16. This was the date that the Board of Building Services was scheduled to reconvene and deliver a decision regarding Praxair's appeal for a building permit. Once again, the process has not gone as expected.

On Feb. 15, the Task Force was informed that Praxair officials and Mayor Slay's office had jointly agreed to an indefinite continuance of Praxair's appeal. Thus, the Board of Building Services meeting was cancelled and a new date for the meeting was not scheduled.

Praxair also agreed that if their Chouteau property is rezoned to maximize sale value, they will drop their appeal and move their operations. Mayor Slay's office has stated publicly that they will support a zoning change/variance as long as the new use for the property "is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood." Jeff Rainford, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, has indicated to the Task Force that "compatible" would mean a less intensive use, such as residential or retail space.

The Mayor's office has also indicated that, at this time, the company and the city have not yet found/secured a new site for Praxair's operations. Until this occurs, Mr. Rainford has stated that the company will not begin to market the Chouteau property. The Mayor and Praxair have both reiterated that they are committed to finding a new location and will continue working together to accomplish this goal. It is unclear at this point how long that process will take.

In the meantime, Praxair has been "preparing" the Chouteau site (presum-

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Monday, March. 20

Square's restaurants expand to Chouteau

Eleven Eleven owner converts aging brewery building into banquet space

By Stacey Rynders
Marquis Contributor

For 50 years, Jarrett Silverman owned the Centennial Malt House at 2017 Chouteau Ave. And for just as many years, he says, "I thought about wrecking it."

Even when approached about selling the building for rehabbing purposes by Paul Hamilton, co-owner of Eleven Eleven Mississippi with his wife Wendy, Silverman said, "You're not serious."

Blinded by his own vision and the potential he saw in the historic building, Paul refused to listen to his devoted client and purchased anyway.

The 35,000-square-foot building at the intersection of Chouteau and Mississippi



Stacey Rynders photo

The Centennial Mal House, 2017 Chouteau

avenues is the last remaining building of the former Schnaider Brewery and was where the barley was milled into malt. Therefore, the building contains unique features such as 14-foot vaulted ceilings in the basement. The lower level is not being restored at this time.

"Originally, it started with finding a building that we could do parties in," said Paul, whose banquet needs exceed the space that Eleven Eleven can accommodate. "Then, the building was so big it took off on its own when I realized the potential."

"It will have the same architectural feel of Eleven Eleven with open space and exposed beams and duct work," said Paul. The banquet facilities will mirror the gold and red décor of two-year-old

Eleven Eleven, though the third floor will incorporate a more European bistro feel with dark woods.

"Paul's going to make a gorgeous building of it," said Silverman.

Building on the success of his first restaurant, Paul is opening Moulin on the second floor, a banquet facility that will extend the vision of Eleven Eleven Mississippi. The third floor will house Vin



Stacey Rynders photo

The back wall had to be completely rebuilt during the rehab project and additional supports added to facilitate the rooftop bar.

de Set, a rooftop bar and bistro.

That's right, a rooftop bar... and bistro.

"It will have a French influence, with a concentration on southern French cuisine," said Paul. "But it won't be stuffy. Where Eleven Eleven leans more toward roasted, braised types of meats, Vin de Set will lean more toward fish entrees."

The names for both new establish-

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Conservancy hosts DAR event at Washington's statue

By Tim Gore
Lafayette Square

On President's Day, the Lafayette Park Conservancy hosted the Cornelia Greene Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as they celebrated our nation's first President. The commemoration ceremony took place at Washington's statue in Lafayette Park with participation by the Color Guard of the Cleveland Junior Naval Academy, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution. Featured speaker for the event was Esley Hamilton, St. Louis County Parks Preservationist and Historian. Prior to braving the cold weather at the statue, the crowd of nearly sixty people enjoyed the cozy confines of the Park House at a reception hosted by the Lafayette Park Conservancy.

The Washington statue in Lafayette Park is one of only six authorized copies of the original sculpture created by French artist Jean-Antoine Houdon. Houdon's work had been commissioned by the General Assembly of Virginia in June 1784. Coming from his native France, Houdon arrived in America in August 1785. To create the amazing facial resemblance Houdon used plaster of Paris for a life mask of Washington. Martha Washington's granddaughter Nelly Custis wrote later of remembering the day the life mask was made.

"I was only six years old at the time,

and perhaps should not have retained any collection of Houdon and his visit, had I not seen the General as I supposed, dead... I was passing the white servants Hall and saw as I thought the Corpse of the one Considered my Father, I went in and found the General Extended on his back on a large table, a sheet over him, except the face, on which Houdon was engaged in putting on plaster to form the cast. Quills were in the nostrils. I was very much alarmed until I was told that it was a bust, a likeness of the General, and would not injure him."

After completing his life mask and other preliminary work, Houdon returned to Paris to complete the sculpture. The final marble statue was completed and shipped to America in January 1796. It was placed in Virginia's capitol. Houdon did not receive final payment for his work until 1803 when special envoy to France, James Monroe, delivered it to him.

In the 1850's the Virginia Assembly authorized William J. Hubbard to make bronze replicas of the statue. The St. Louis replica was officially dedicated in Lafayette Park on May 15, 1869, to the delight of a large crowd. Five former mayors of St. Louis attended the ceremony including John F. Darby who had served as mayor in the 1830s when the ordinance was passed to set aside land for Lafayette Park.

Read about the wreath laying at the old cannons on page 12.



Tim Gore photos

(top) Featured speaker Esley Hamilton, St. Louis County Parks Preservationist and Historian, and June Jablonsky Lanz, Regent of the Cornelia Greene Chapter of the DAR, address the crowd, which included members of the Sons of the American Revolution (bottom).

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Another month in the Square

By Houston Smith
LSRC President

Another month in the Square... so what's new? Let's start with Praxair. Nothing is official yet but it looks like Praxair has made a good decision. We believe that Praxair has decided they need more space to operate safely and that the Chouteau site does not offer that safety buffer. The LSRC believes that this decision was motivated by Praxair's commitment to being a good neighbor and encouraged by the fine work of the Praxair Task Force led by April Breedon.

The public façade of the Lafayette Walk development at the corner of Mississippi and Chouteau is clearly in violation of the historic code. The code states that

no modern conveniences will be allowed on the public façade. The city's Cultural Resources department has threatened a stop-work order and scheduled an appearance before the Preservation Board to hear from Orchard about their plans to mitigate the violation. This meeting will have taken place by the time you read this letter. You may ask how we got to this place. The plans for the development were reviewed by the LSRC Development Committee and, even with months of revision, were found to be inadequate. The main concern was the density of the project. These plans were then taken by Orchard to Cultural Resources for approval. The plans were approved by the city after some revisions were made. Work began and when it was time for utilities to go in, it was determined that the alleys were too narrow for utility trucks so all the lines were to go into the units through the front. The problem lies in that mechanical drawings are not part of the approval process by Cultural Resources and the Building Code inspectors from the city refuse to consider or uphold the historic code, even though the code is city ordinance. Complicating matters, the utility companies may not be aware, may not consider or may blatantly ignore the historic code. Orchard is trying to make the situation better but this could have been avoided with better planning. We'll keep you posted on this one.

Lastly, we are in need of a Holiday Parlor Tour Chairperson and an assistant Chairperson. It may seem early to be taking about the December tour but in reality now is the time to get started. The honorable volunteers will be revered and their names will be placed in the history books for generations of school children to recite. We are considering a Square holiday in their honor, with cake AND ice cream. The past chairpeople will be available to set out all the necessary activities and timetables. There are lots of volunteers that are standing in the wings to support the effort. Please consider being this Chairperson, if not for the fame, for the glory!

Square Neighborhood Urban Plan (Chapt. 5.3: <http://www.lafayettesquare.org/urbanplan/lafayette-final-ch5.pdf>), it shows the community garden in its present location, not in some alternative one.

Also, moving the garden is not indicated as the primary option for the garden: the primary option, as clearly stated in the Plan, is for the garden to remain where it is, and for the garden leaders to be given the opportunity to try to purchase the land from the City of St. Louis. It goes on to state, "If such purchase is not feasible, then the garden will remain in its present location until the property is developed or a suitable alternative location is identified." Should that option be necessary, then allocation of TIF funds for the purpose of relocating the garden to an alternative site would seem a reasonable and worthwhile use of such funds.

Steve Fliesler, Co-Leader
Lafayette Square Community Garden
[S. 18th Street]

Clarification regarding urban plan and garden

With regard to the recent article [Marquis, Feb. 2006, Vol.28(2), p. 10], "LSRC January meeting explains the acronyms," it's a wonderful piece, but I believe one point is inaccurate and may be misleading to the casual reader. It is stated that "a tax increment district (TIF) was adopted in 2002 by the Board of Alderman as a means to

finance a number of proposals identified within the Plan," and that "These include the following....Funds to install a new community garden." This seems to imply that TIF funds were initially considered for moving the community garden from its current location (corner of Dolman St. & Park Ave.) to an alternate site.

In fact, this proposed use of TIF funds has been discussed only relatively recently and added to the list of *potential* uses for such funds, not historically in the context of the original Plan language voted upon by the Lafayette Square community. (TIF funds were envisioned originally for other specific uses, such as street improvements, the Park Avenue Plaza development, the 18th and Chouteau redevelopment and pocket park, etc.).

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Come enjoy the 'Places of Lafayette Square' on tour

By Erin Budde
Lafayette Square

Whether Julius Pitzman, the distinguished modeler of Benton Place and its ornamental ellipse, William Simpson of Simpson & Christopher Iron Works and founder of Simpson Place, Frederick W. Raeder, architect of Mackay Place's gothic revival style's church, or James H. Vail, the assistant circuit attorney in St. Louis in 1860 and namesake for Vail Place, what would Victorian St. Louis notables and Lafayette Square founders think of the 2006 Lafayette Square House Tour, "The Places of Lafayette Square"?

We think they might say, "Come on and join in the revelry that honors this urban oasis! Invite the curious and exuberant visitors to experience the power of our places to endure. Share with them your appreciation and respect for quality. Enjoy being one of the 'Places of Lafayette Square!'"

Held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4, 2006, the tour will feature homes and gardens located on the Square's many public and private places – Benton, Mackay, Albion, Whittemore, Simpson, Waverley, Nicholson, Preston, Kennett and Vail. In addition to the tour Perfectos "Base Ball,"

scores of antique vendors, the kick-off of the summer concert season and the premier of the Lafayette Square Plein Air artists competition will provide additional diversions that showcase the history and allure of our neighborhood.

Lafayette Square homeowners, now is the time to show your "pride of place!" Please join our early tour homeowners, Norman and Liz Schofield and Terry and Pat Barber on Benton Place, and Bobby and Patricia Woo on Hickory and consider putting your beautiful home or garden on tour and help make our pride in Lafayette Square shine for all to see.

Tour ticket prices are \$15 in advance

and \$18 on tour days. Children under 12, accompanied by an adult are free. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling 314-772-5724 using MasterCard or VISA. Reservations can also be mailed to: LSRC Holiday Tour, 2023 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63104. Include your contact information and a check made out to the LSRC Spring Tour. Ticket vouchers will also be available at Lafayette Square businesses beginning in early May. All tour proceeds benefit the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee.

For more information about sharing your pride of place, contact Erin Budde at (314) 302-1369 or ekb@mapstl.org.

Canine massage and more coming to Four Muddy Paws

By Matt Brazelton
Lafayette Square

Four Muddy Paws is expanding their wellness care services to include both canine massage therapy and intuitive animal communication and healing.

Four Muddy Paws is offering the canine massage therapy services of Lori Richardson, owner of Hands for Hounds and a PetMassage Practitioner, trained and certified by the PetMassage Institute in Toledo, Ohio, in August 2004. Lori has also been a registered nurse for 20 years, practicing in the emergency room and bone marrow transplant unit. Lori has tremendous love and compassion for animals, and is passionate about animal health and welfare. She rescues dogs and currently has two of her own. She uses her experience and training to help her clients' dogs improve their quality of life.

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Four Muddy Paws will also be offering intuitive animal communication and healing sessions beginning in March.

Have you ever wanted to experience peace of mind by understanding your animal companions at a deeper level or support your animal companion with energy healing or intuitive communi-

cation work through their health and emotional issues? Do you need compassionate and empathic support for an aging animal companion?

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Elizabeth is a natural-born intuitive with the gift of intuitive animal communication who is able to listen to your pet and communicate with them. This "pet psychic" will help you and your pet better understand each other, improve your relationship and help you attune to your animal's teachings.

A 5-minute introductory animal conversation is only \$5.00 and first time Synergia sessions are only \$20.00.

Elizabeth will be here on Thursday,

March 9 and March 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Massage therapy sessions are available by appointment.

Call Four Muddy Paws for more information and to set-up an appointment for either a massage therapy or intuitive animal communication or healing session.

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Volunteer and Brightside Blitz days set for the Square

By Linda Weiner
Lafayette Square

Lafayette Park Third Annual Volunteer Day
Saturday, April 1,
9 a.m. to Noon

Trim, prune, mulch, edge, bag, sweep, etc. to your heart's content. Meet at the Washington statue for suggestions and materials.

Operation Brightside "Blitz Day"
Saturday, April 8,
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Clean out your basement, sweep your alley, and plan cleanups with your neighbors.

Operation Brightside "Flower Day"
Date To be announced

Flowers to be planted on public land in the Square.

Again this year Brightside Cleanup and Brightside Flower Planting Days will be split due to the needs of the Forestry Division, and our Lafayette Park Annual Volunteer Day will be scheduled one weekend earlier, Saturday, April 1st, 9 a.m. to noon.

For Brightside, Block Captains are needed for many blocks to help organize cleanup of alley, street, and public areas in the neighborhood. Anyone interested in a specific cleanup project can contact me for assistance including tools, bags, and flowers, as well as city trucks and chippers. Call Linda Weiner at 621-7071 to volunteer for Block Captain, cleanup, or flower planting.

Block Captain Responsibilities

1. Recruit, educate, and organize neighbor-

hood volunteers...

- Recruit neighbors to clean alleys, streets, and public areas in your neighborhood.
- Educate your neighbors and volunteers about bulk items, yard waste, and trash disposal. Encourage your neighbors to undertake special projects such as the cleanup of vacant lots, alleys, or public areas.
- Organize volunteers and set up a group meeting place and time for your Blitz Saturday.

2. Requests for supplies, tools, heavy equipment, and flowers...

- Operation Brightside will provide one roll of bags to each Block Captain. You will receive your bags from your Area Commander. Contact your Area Commander to make arrangements for pickup. Please distribute bags to the volunteers on your block
- If your block needs tools, Block Captains may request tools by completing the Tool Request Form.
- Heavy equipment may be requested for large projects.
- Flowers are requested by filling out the Flower Request Form and sending it to your Area Commander.

Project Blitz 2006

1. Trash pickup will begin at 10 a.m. on your Blitz Saturday.

- Trucks will pick up several times throughout the day.
- Please have all large items out by 1 p.m.
- Car batteries, used motor oil, large appliances, and tires will be recycled.

Please separate from household items such as furniture, mattresses, etc.

- Place grass, leaves, and twigs in "Yard Waste Only" dumpsters.
- Branches, more than two inches in diameter and no longer than 3-4 feet, must be bundled and placed with bulk items for collection.
- Do not call about slow pickups until after 3:00 p.m., then call the Blitz Hotline at 781-4556

2. Placement of items:

- Place all small items in trash dumpster. Be careful not to overload the dumpster. If your block does not have an alley, please place all small items in your roll-out cart.
- If you have a through alley: Place large items, such as appliances and furniture directly behind your home at the alley line. (This is your regular bulk pickup site.)
- If you have a dumpster directly behind your house: Make sure your bulk items are at least four feet away

from the dumpster. No large items should be placed next to or behind the dumpsters.

- If you do not have an alley: Place large items in front of your home at the curb. (This is your regular bulk pick-up site.)
- Trash trucks will not be able to empty trash receptacles if there is any material placed within four feet of any dumpster or roll-out cart.
- Do not block streets, alleys or sidewalks with bulk items.
- Items placed on private property will not be picked up.
- If you clean a vacant lot, all bulk items must be placed at the alley line for the material to be collected.
- All debris must be bagged and put into the trash receptacles.
- Loose debris will not be picked up by the trucks.

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My wife and I would never dare stop going to the Downtown YMCA. - Bob Lange

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New restaurant

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ments draw upon the French heritage of the Lafayette Square and Chouteau traditions. Vin de Set is a play on the French phonetics of saying the address 2017. Moulin, which translates as windmill, draws on the building's historic use.

The third floor will have two dining areas that will seat about 150 comfortably plus an indoor bar that features 20-foot-high ceilings with arched windows. Then there is the seasonal rooftop bar with its gorgeous view of the St. Louis skyline.

The banquet facilities on the second floor will also have access to the rooftop with nearly one-third of the space reserved for these guests. There are three separate banquet rooms, two that are about 1,000 square feet and will seat 75 people each. The larger room that will accommodate 350 guests will feature numerous windows with skyline views and carefully restored original hardwood floors.

While the banquet facilities will likely attract wedding parties (five already), it will be designed with state-of-the-art audio and visual technology to accommodate corporate functions.

The first floor will include a hair salon, a law office, and the second restaurant

venture by Baileys' Chocolate Bar proprietor, David Bailey. However, Bailey's new establishment will venture away from the dessert bar concept and feature a pizza and sandwich theme, said Paul.

Bailey is hoping to open his second restaurant in May. At this time, a name has not been chosen. However, Bailey plans to focus the menu on more eco-friendly items and plans to include a number of more unique vegetarian dishes.

"The menu will be moderately priced, but of high quality," Bailey said. "It's the type of environmentally-friendly food that I like to serve my friends and family. Everything will be produced on-site from the dough to the sauce and so forth.

"This will be a perfect place for lunch and an inexpensive, quick dinner spot," said Bailey.

"The rest of the first floor is offices with a variety of tenants," said Paul.

Still at least two months from completion, the \$4 million rehab project, which has drawn on historic state and federal tax credits, contains no commercial vacancies based merely on word-of-mouth. Completion of the project will likely be in May, though Paul said the banquet facilities will be complete by April 29 because he has a wedding booked for that day.

The remodel has been "aggressive," said Paul. In mid-February, a large portion of the back brick wall was removed down to the foundation. To accommodate the rooftop bar, additional supports will be added to the wall while structural foundation repairs are made.

Once complete, 2017 Chouteau will likely transform the Chouteau corridor, the largely barren periphery to Lafayette Square. And hopefully, Paul's vision will further extend the district's appeal among emerging entrepreneurs and regional consumers.

Help build a playground

Volunteers from SSDN, the local community and The Home Depot will join together with the nonprofit organization KaBOOM! to build a state-of-the-art, 2500 sq. ft. playground on Thursday, March 23 at 2930 Iowa Ave.

The build is funded through a \$47,200 grant from The Home Depot along with a \$10,000 contribution from SSDN. This project is part of KaBOOM! and The Home Depot's effort to create and refurbish 1,000 playspaces in 1,000 days.

The aging wooden playground that had been used by the child development center has been torn down, and a new, creative playground will emerge within one day thanks to the help of the numerous volunteers. Work will begin at 8 a.m. with an anticipated "Board-Cutting" closing ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the day, and anyone interested in volunteering should



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Some of the children at SSDN who will soon have a new, state-of-the-art playground to enjoy.

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Fox Park warehouse transforms into space for artists

By Daniel O'Malley
Marquis Contributor

Like most anything that's been around for over a century, the building at the intersection of Ohio and Victor streets in South St. Louis has seen quite a few changes in its lifetime. Built in the 1890s it originally served as the headquarters of the Koken Manufacturing Company and produced barber chairs, commodities which have since become much sought after antiques. Some years later a furnace company moved in and, most recently, the space was inhabited by Panda Paints.

After that it became just another vacant warehouse not unlike any number of others you drive past without even noticing.

But local developer Tim Ayres did notice the building – a sturdy brick shell with the Panda Paints logo still faintly visible on the outside – about a year and a half ago and what he saw was the ideal location for a project that had been simmering in his mind for some time. Ayres set his sights on turning the space into a haven for area artists.

"I just drove by and saw the warehouse for sale," he said. "I had an idea to do this before with another building at Manchester and Vandeventer, but the building was torn down, so I kind of shelved that idea. Then this came along and I thought this would make a great space."

Repainted an elegant white and stripped bare of the factory equipment and machinery the building housed in its previous incarnations, the inside of the warehouse has high ceilings, wide-open rooms and a gritty sort of post-industrial appeal well suited to an art gallery.

"I've always loved the arts," said Ayres who really took an interest in the art world when he finished college. A sculptor primarily, ceramics, steel and bronze are his media of choice. "I guess I dabble in the arts," he said, "and always have liked it"

Though still a work in progress, the space has played host to a number of shows. Most recently, in February, the sculpture department from Washington University held a well-received exhibition

in the gallery. And on March 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be an open house for the Spirit of St. Louis Marathon. Thirty paintings, each by a different artist, will be on display for the event. In April the works will serve as mile markers for the marathon.

With a functional gallery space and ample gathering area complete with bar in the lobby, Ayres' vision for the property is far from complete just yet. He foresees another couple years of work before the project will be finished.

"We're making baby steps but we're getting it done," he said.

The multi-level complex sits on nearly an entire square city block and Ayres has big plans for how to fill the space. In addition to the gallery he envisions a 100-seat theater, art studios on the second floor, apartments on the third floor and eventually a restaurant, all within the warehouse's walls.

"I just think this will be kind of a one-stop art place where you can see an avant-garde show, then maybe have dinner all on one property," he said.

"I think it's terrific," said Bridget Flood, an artist who's relocated her studio space to the warehouse in recent months. "It's a very creative space."

Ayres, his wife and other artists working in the building helped Flood move her materials into her new studio. For someone like Flood, whose forte is pottery, that was no light task – it meant lugging a lot of 50-pound sacks of clay up the stairs.

Ayres' goal isn't to fill some overlooked niche in the city's art community. With the St. Louis Art Museum, the Contemporary Art Museum and the galleries on Washington Ave. downtown – even though some have been sacrificed for condos and residential space, something Ayres doesn't foresee for his own property – there are plenty of outlets for the artistic community. But he does believe his project will prove a valuable addition to the scene.

"I think it'll be a driving force," he said. When it's all done, with its unique variety of attractions, he said, "I think this will be a marquis property."

"I think it's great that he's made such a



Eric Winters photo

Located at the corner of Ohio and Victor streets, this warehouse (formerly a Panda Paints warehouse) is slowly transforming into an artists' haven and gallery.

commitment to the artistic community," Flood said.

With artists being forced out of other buildings around town, "there's certainly a need for affordable space for artists," she said.

Driving around the city, it's not hard to find other vacant lots and buildings similar to Ayres' property dotting the landscape – which should be encouraging to anyone else looking for a space to start a project of their own. The trick, though, lies in finding just the right building.

"This place just seemed to lend itself well to this type of development," Ayres said. "It's an old historic building that has big open spaces. Each warehouse is unique. I don't think this would work well with the city hospital necessarily, but an old school would work just as well for a deal like this."

"This place could be a lot of things, but everybody's pretty excited about what I've decided to do with it."

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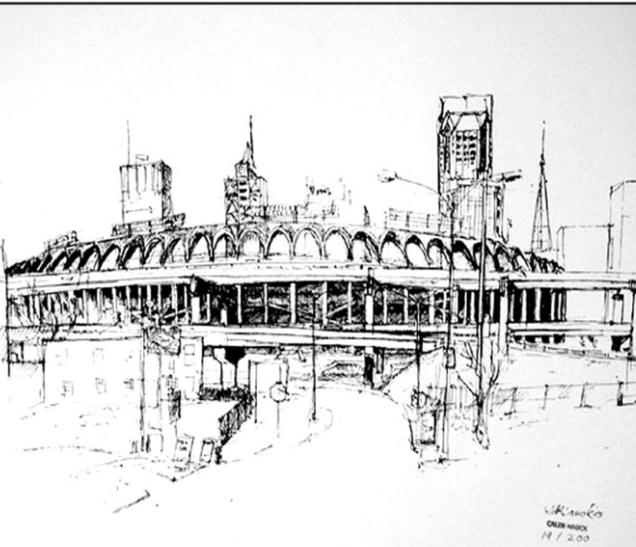


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Lafayette Square February Membership Minutes

President Houston Smith called the LSRC Membership Meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14, 2006. The December 2005 and the January 2006 meeting minutes were read and approved. New residents were asked to introduce themselves; there were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety - Sue Pinker-Dodd advised she met with Wayne White and Chris Goodson to form a new website for the neighborhood concerning safety. Webmaster Wayne White will oversee the site. Hopefully we will have more information by next meeting.

Houston Smith met with the Souldard Mardi Gras committee to address the trash and beer cans/bottles in our neighborhood during Mardi Gras, the committee advised they would make sure a clean up crew would come thru our area, porta potties will be furnished in and around the park. President Smith also advised if someone is breaking the law on private property they should call 911.

Officer Greg Simonds advised crimes were up from last year do to a new way the police department report crimes now, there was 1 or 2 school incidents, and officer Simonds reported that Don Chappel has been seen in the neighborhood again and that there is a warrant out for his arrest. If anyone see Mr. Chappel, please call 911 and tell them you have seen this person and there is a warrant out for his arrest. Be accurate on where you see him and what he is wearing so the police arrest the right guy. Officer Simonds still has the clear plastic plate covers for \$5.00 and the car clubs for \$8.00/10.00. Officer Simonds introduced new officer Tim Clifton who will be riding a bicycle around the neighborhood. Officer Clifton phone is 444-2564. Any graffiti seen around the neighborhood should be reported to the Citizens Service Bureau at 622-4800.

Officer Simonds introduced Ursula Rudolf from the Trinity Neighborhood (Dutchtown area). She and others have formed a group to try to clean up the image of St. Louis, develop new friend-

ships with other neighborhoods, share ideas and talk about problems that are happening all over the city. They will try to have a meeting late April. This group was formed with the help of the 8th district, 1st district, and now the 4th district.

The 11th Annual Neighborhoods Conference will be Saturday, March 18 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. Call 314-533-9104 for more information.

Finance - Jean Steck reported there is \$221,000 in the treasury. The Arts Council has requested an additional \$2,000. The membership approved the increase.

Development - Jane Blackwell reminded the membership that if anyone should see a conflict with the historic code, they should contact her but also the enforcer of the code, Kate Shea's office.

Problem areas: 1) fence on Doleman, 2) utilities in the front lots of Lafayette Walk on Mississippi and Chouteau, 3) Gilded Age to tweak their design plans.

Kate Shea has already told the developer who purchased the church property at Park & Mackay that the church cannot

be torn down or build anything in front of the church facing Park ave.

Park - Ward Buckner advised that Monday, Feb. 20 at 9:30 a.m. the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a ceremony for the 20th year at the George Washington statue. Afterwards, there will be refreshments served at the Park House.

Community Affairs - Erin Budde, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Praxair - April Breeden advised the mayor, Praxair, Breeden, and Reed met in early January and all agreed to work together to find a solution. There were no specific updates on anything. There will be another meeting with the Board of Building Services on Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. in Room 208 City Hall. The meeting should decide 1) to grant building permit, 2) deny permit, or 3) extend decision again.

Spring House Tour - Houston Smith advise Erin Budde is still needing a co-chair. The theme this year is Places of Lafayette. (looks like a monopoly board). Terry & Mark Etling - Merchandise, Bill Donahue - Antiques, Pat Barber - Spon-

sors. Volunteers needed for all areas, contact Erin or any board member for information.

18th & Chouteau Property

Houston Smith advised the membership the Board voted to sell the property to the Near South Side group to develop 55 parking spaces. If for some reason this changes the property comes back to the LSRC fulfilling the Urban Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Houston Smith - Do to the problems with the utilities boxes showing in front of the buildings at Lafayette Walk, any drawings brought before us should show where the utilities will go. There is a meeting on Feb. 27th with Kate Shea and Orchard to try to fix this problem. A stop work order may come from this meeting.

Pastor Wilder announced there will be a truckload of potatoes that needs to be unloaded for the pantries in our area. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 11 at 8 a.m.

Social held at Jim & Carolyn Willmores

Submitted by Dave Diehl
Membership Secretary

Upcoming open house at Souldard School

If you've ventured near the intersection of 11th Street and Victor in Souldard recently, you may have noticed construction vehicles along with mounds of concrete and asphalt piled up at the front of a humble 1960s-era school building. It's a sign of exciting progress. Inside, the once-dreary institutional rooms have fresh bright paint jobs, carpeting, plants and children's art springing from the bulletin boards. It's the new home of The Souldard School, an ambitious K-8 program sprung from the vision of early childhood & elementary educator and doctoral candidate Kelly Holloran Bock.

Kelly is also the founder of The Little School & Gym, an infant-through-pre-K school that has been thriving in the Souldard neighborhood for more than eight years. Kelly launched the not-for-profit Souldard School this year along with Administrative Director Sarah Christman, Business Director Renee Jeep, and a core group of interested parents from Lafayette Square, Souldard and surrounding neighborhoods. With so many parents from The Little School anxious to locate quality, local elementary education for their children, The Souldard School was a natural outgrowth of The Little School & Gym.

The Souldard School's mission, in part,

is to be a warm, welcoming community that develops life-long learners and problem solvers. The school emphasizes respect, competency, self-initiative, responsibility, self-management and the ability to view experiences from different perspectives. Small classes and family involvement create a personal atmosphere where every child is valued as an individual.

"This has been an exciting time for all of the families involved in the school's inaugural year," said Lafayette Square resident, Julie Padberg-White, whose son is currently enrolled at The Little School and will begin kindergarten at The Souldard School this fall. "We're excited about the successful launch and the growing interest."

The Souldard School is a private, non-sectarian, not-for-profit elementary school. It offers tuition on a sliding, need-based, scale as determined by the school's financial aid application and award process. This is a time of growth for The Souldard School and applications for the 2006-2007 school year are being accepted now. Visit the school at its upcoming Open House and get a look at what the future of education looks like in St. Louis.

Open House Events at The Souldard School, 11th St. & Victor in Souldard and



Submitted photo

A reading group at Souldard School

The Little School & Gym, 2116 South 13th St. are Saturday, March 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information visit www.citykidsstl.org or call The Souldard School at 865-2799.

And join Souldard School for the 2nd annual auction, April 22 at McGurk's, 12th and Russell in Souldard. They are now accepting sponsorships for the event and donations for the silent auction. Call Lisa Maheu at 762-9515 for details.

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Praxair update

Continued from page 1

ably for sale). Technicians were on the site for this purpose on Jan. 27, Jan. 30, and Feb. 14-17. It appears that some tanks were relocated to the northwest corner of the lot. Others, including four large white upright storage containers, have been totally removed.

One other major development has occurred since last month's update. On Feb. 15, the *Post-Dispatch* ran a story titled: "Woman's death tied to Praxair explosion." The woman's name was Minnie Cooper. She was 32 years old, was the mother of three young children and suffered from asthma. Presumably she was exposed to smoke/fumes from the June 24, 2005, explosion at Praxair on her way home from work. She was hospitalized that evening and died 11 days later.

Ms. Cooper's death certificate states the cause of her death was hypoxic encephalopathy due to cardiopulmonary arrest due to an asthma attack that was "triggered by inhalation of noxious smoke/fumes from industrial explosion/fire." The lawyer representing the client, Ray Marglous, has not yet brought charges against the company, but anticipates doing so.

The Praxair Neighborhood Task Force will continue to keep the neighborhood updated regarding Praxair's relocation efforts, Ms. Cooper's case and other related matters. Between issues of the *Marquis* we will post updates on our website: www.praxairwatch.com

Those who would like a complete overview of what has transpired since the Praxair's Chouteau facility was engulfed in flames in June of last year can visit: www.praxairwatch.com. Just click on the November archives and go to the Nov. 18 posting, which contains a timeline of events between June-November 2005. Numerous individual updates have been posted since that time as well.

News around the neighborhoods

Trivia Night to Benefit Little School & Gym

On Friday, March 10, the 1st Annual Trivia night to benefit the Little School and Gym (located in Soulard) will be hosted by On Target Marketing and Studio 2108. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and competition starts at 7:00 p.m. at Belas Artes (www.belas-artes.net) which is located at 1854 Russell (corner of Mississippi & Russell). The cost is \$20 per person, and \$160 for a table of 8. Cost includes beer and soda. Feel free to bring your own food and snacks. Wine and pastries will be available for purchase. Please no outside liquor. Cash prizes will be awarded. There will be a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and attendance/door prizes. Bring your family and friends for a fun night for a good cause! To reserve your table, call Larry at (314)-583-5086, or e-mail larry@ontargetmarketing.biz with "Trivia Night" as the subject line. Credit cards accepted.

If any businesses would like to donate cash, door prizes, or silent auction items; please contact Larry at the above email or phone number. They are in need of small and large prizes. Sponsorship of a table is available to any local business for \$25. This is a great way to tie yourself to the community and market your business.

SSDN Celebrates its 120th Anniversary with Annual Meeting

SSDN will celebrate its 120th anniversary on Wednesday, March 15, by honoring people and organizations that have assisted in the rebirth of the Benton Park West Neighborhood during its Annual Meeting

at Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal. Understanding and valuing the need for collaboration, SSDN will honor elected officials, community educators, neighborhood entrepreneurs, residents, service providers, non-profits, neighborhood organizations, volunteers and corporations – all who have made a positive impact in the neighborhood

Keynote speaker Ron Register will discuss the national trends in community building and will demonstrate how community building is moving forward in Benton Park West. Register is the Chief Program Officer of at the Murtis H. Taylor Multi-Service Center in Cleveland, OH. He is founder and past president of the National Community Building Network. He was also a participant in the Children and Families.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and will conclude by 8:30 p.m. Heavy appetizers will be provided. Please RSVP to Sheila Davis at 865-0322 x4008 or email srdavis@ssdn.org.

Founded on March 17, 1886 as South Side Day Nursery, SSDN - A Family & Community Organization promotes community well-being by providing and supporting quality care for young children, assisting families to earn a sufficient living, and developing productive, healthy citizens who contribute to neighborhood economic stability and cultural richness.

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Credit union membership information, scholarship rules and an application may be obtained by visiting www.abecu.org or www.ameaglecu.org or by contacting Meghan Vaninger at (314) 771-7700, extension 303. All entries must be post-marked by July 14th, 2006.

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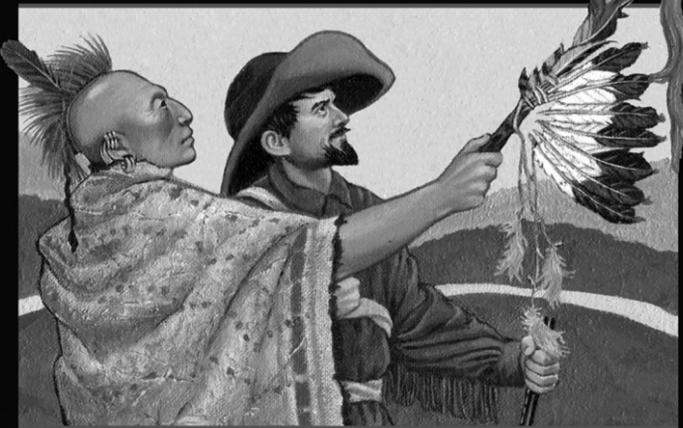
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Old City Hospital welcomes first new residents

By Andrea Noble
Marquis Contributor

The beginning of February marked the move-in dates for the first wave of residents into the Georgian Condominiums, housed in the shell of what was once the old City Hospital. However, this is not the first time one resident has called the complex on Lafayette Avenue home.

Retiree Mike Gratz boarded at the hospital in 1958 and 1959 while attending Washington University in exchange for 12 hours of work per week in the medical records library. Now residing only three floors above where he once shelved books, the amount Gratz used to pay in rent through his work is a far cry from the cost of living in one of the deluxe condos today.

The 104 condos in the Georgian range in price from \$170,000 to \$345,000 and according to Steve Gray of Second Empire Realty, more than half of the units have already been sold. As of mid-February only six residents had moved into their condos, but Gray expects more condos to be ready for occupants soon. In the meantime, the few residents like Gratz feel like they have the place to themselves, if they don't count the 100 or so construction workers that tromp through the building every day.



Andrea Noble photo

One condo features a wide deck on the north side of the building.



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Gray said construction has created a few inconveniences for the early settlers, but for the most part disturbances have been minimized due to the overall construction plan. Work on the fourth, fifth, and sixth floors of the east wing of the Georgian, where residents have moved in, is for the most part finished. Heavy construction is only taking place on the lower levels.

Gray estimates that construction on the main Georgian building will be complete in 2007. After that, further commercial space is expected to be added, but individual businesses have yet to be confirmed.

When finished, both Gratz and Gray believe that the Georgian Condominiums will help bridge the gap between the Soulard and Lafayette neighborhoods. Gray said the 50/50 occupancy of first-time home buyers and empty nesters may bring the right mix of energy into the area.

A few years back, Gratz would have never imagined moving to Downtown St. Louis. The house he left behind in Clayton was supposed to be his "house to die in." But as real estate continued to skyrocket in Clayton and Gratz was endlessly pestered to sell his ranch house to make room for million-dollar developments he found himself attracted to the Georgian. Gratz's familiarity with the history of the building and the convenient location were both key points in his book. Despite the questions he fields from people about the distance to the nearest grocery store or about ghosts in the building, Gratz confirms that he is very content with his decision to move.

The Georgian Condominiums are being redeveloped by Trace Shaughnessy and Chris Goodson, partners at Gilded Age LLC. The total cost for the redevelop-

Attention: New Lafayette Square Residents

Has someone new moved onto your street? If so we want to make sure they are officially welcomed into the neighborhood. Please contact Julie Drefke at (314) 588-8189 or djdrefke@yahoo.com and we will get a Welcome Packet to them.

If you are a new neighbor and have not received a Welcome Packet, please contact us and we would be happy to bring one over to you. Also if you are new to the neighborhood please join us at the monthly LSRC meeting and social. Both are great ways to find out what is happening in the neighborhood, get involved and meet new friends!

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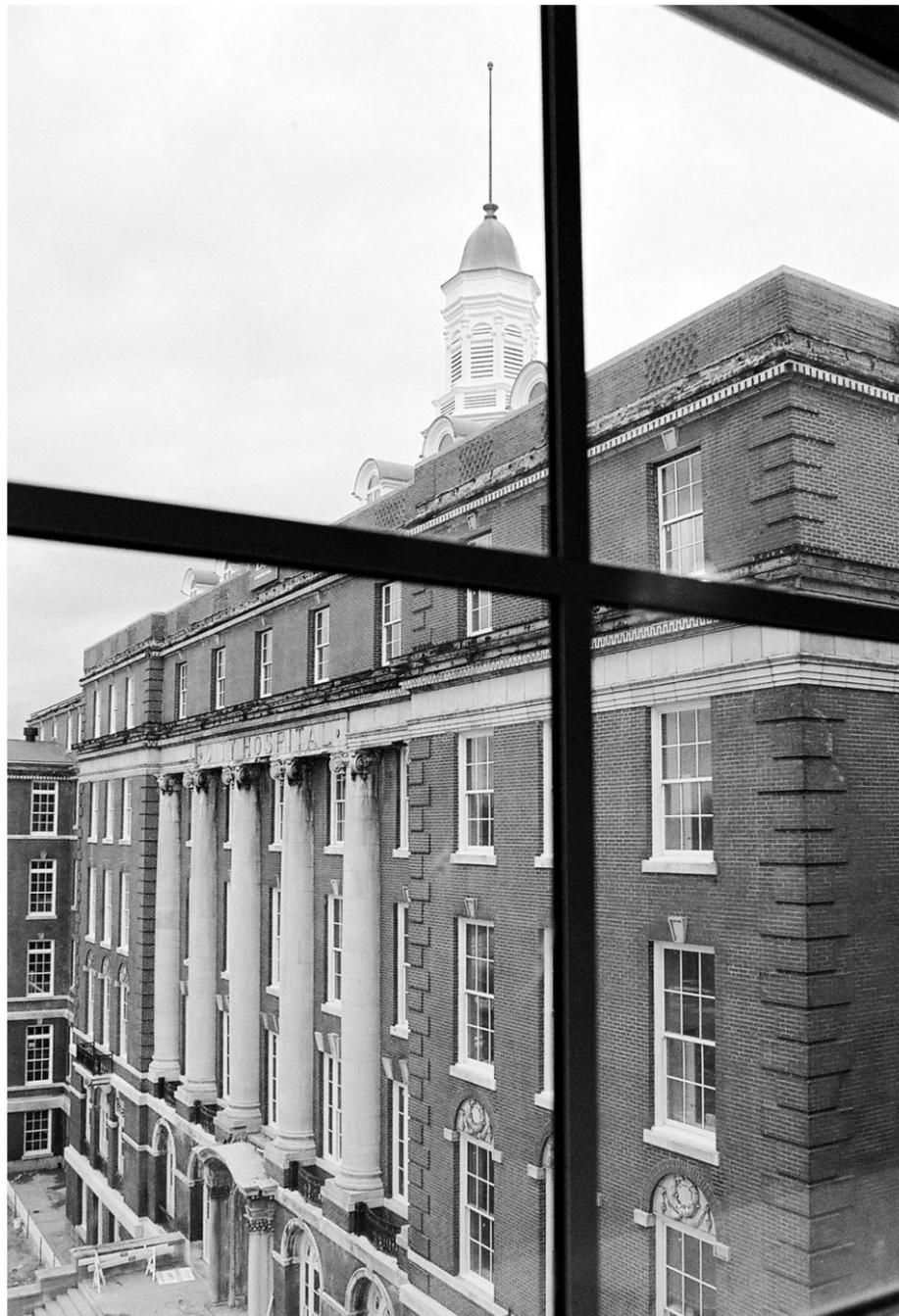
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Looking out one of the new condos toward the front of the Georgian where the old City Hospital sign still remains.



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View out the front of the Georgian from unfinished condos on the first floor.



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Spring cleaning that is safe for family and environment

By Dr. Crystal L. Peairs
Lafayette Square

As you have probably noticed the number of cold days are beginning to decrease and the warmer winds are beginning to move into the greater Saint Louis area. Noticing the changes occurring around us we are often triggered to partake in some version of spring-cleaning. Whether it is an outside event like preparing the flower beds or an inside task like cleaning the house there are some tips I would like to share with you before you begin.

First and foremost, it is important to use common sense when performing any cleaning task. Simple activities like raking, shoveling or painting if done in excess can result in an injury. Most of us spend the winter in a somewhat dormant state like plants or bears when they hibernate. Even though you were able to perform an activity last year does not mean that you will be able to perform that task without difficulty today. Give yourself plenty of time to complete the task at hand and rest if you are beginning to feel fatigued.

When it comes to household cleaning it is important to be aware of the toxic nature of cleaning products. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA), only a fraction of the more than 75,000 registered chemicals have gone through complete testing for human health concerns. Some chemicals have immediate toxic effects, while others are toxic to our bodies only after repeated long-term exposure.

One must also be careful to not mix chemicals when cleaning. When combined, some chemicals are even more dangerous. Deadly fumes can result from mixing ammonia with bleach, creating a lethal "mustard gas" according to the EPA. Both chemicals are found in many household products.

What can we do to avoid these unwanted toxins? A good place to start is to remove toxic products used in our homes and replace them with safer alternatives. For penny pinchers and those who don't mind a little extra work, cleaning supplies can easily be made from the products already found in your kitchen!

For example, baking soda is a safe abrasive powder that contains no toxins and can be used to scrub sinks and tubs. It is also naturally absorbs unwanted odors. Lemon juice is a great substance to clean and shine brass and copper. For your hard wood furniture, mix 1 cup olive oil with ½ cup lemon juice for a safe furniture polish. Vinegar naturally cleans like an

Common ingredients in commercial household cleaning products:

Ammonia	Fatal when swallowed
Ammonium Hydroxide	Corrosive, irritant
Bleach	Potentially fatal if ingested
Chlorine	Number one cause of poisonings in children
Formaldehyde	Highly toxic; known carcinogen
Hydrochloric acid	Corrosive, eye and skin irritant
Hydrochloric bleach	Eye, skin and respiratory tract irritant
Lye	Severe damage to stomach and esophagus if ingested
Naphtha	Depresses the central nervous system
Nitrobenzene	Causes skin discoloration, shallow breathing, vomiting, and death
Perchloroethylene	Damages liver, kidney, nervous system
Petroleum Distillates	Highly flammable; suspected carcinogen
Phenol	Extremely dangerous; suspected carcinogen; fatal taken internally
Propylene Glycol	Immunogen; main ingredient in antifreeze
Sodium hypochlorite	Potentially fatal
Sodium laurel sulfate	Carcinogen, toxin, genetic mutagen
Sodium tripolyphosphate	Irritant
Trichloroethane	Damages liver and kidneys

all-purpose cleaner. Mix a solution of 1 part water to 1 part vinegar in a new store bought spray bottle and you have a solution that will clean most areas of your home. (It should not, however, be used on marble surfaces.)

For those with less time on their hands, both Method and Seventh Generation are cleaning products that are safe for your family and the environment. Both brands can be found easily in the Saint Louis area at stores such as Target or Whole Foods.

Fumes from traditional household cleansers, paints, varnishes, etc. in the typical home make the indoor air 2-5

times more polluted than the air outside. So be sure to also spend some well needed and deserved time outside this spring. Play outside with the kids, walk around the park with friends, help Linda Weiner with community gardening projects or just spend some time people watching from your favorite restaurant's outside seating area...your health will be better for it.

Dr. Crystal L. Peairs recently opened Lafayette Square Chiropractic Centre in the "M Lofts" (Suite 103). For more information, call (314) 762-0669 or visit www.LafayetteSquareChiropractic.com.

PEEK INTO THE PAST: PRETTY AS A PICTURE

by Cara Jensen



A century ago, it did not matter if you were rich or poor, old or a child. Whatever the status, a person wore a hat. Etiquette articles from the 1900s suggested that it would be "a disgraceful act to venture out of the

house without a hat or even gloves." Both men and women changed their hats according to their activity, with ladies of social standing changing them several times daily.

The millinery business was one of the few "respectable" occupations available to St. Louis women who sought employment. Milliners could work in their homes while they raised their families. They were paid by the piece, which provided a very small income

compared with factory work. Surely these artists would be pleased to see their creations fetching from fifty to five-hundred dollars on eBay today!

Here are some milliners who called your neighborhood home:

- Bertha Herman – 2018 Gravois
- Odile S. Beauvais – 1529 Park
- Dorothea Nagel – 2641 Gravois
- Mary DeCaen – 2724 Chouteau
- Mary E. Klein – 1413 Dillon

Cara Jensen is the founder of Sherlock Homes, a historical research company and is also an independent public relations and marketing consultant. She is the past president of the Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association, co-chair of the Grand South Grand House Tour, and is active in 8th Ward politics. Contact Cara Jensen at 773-2881 or carajensen@sherlock-homes.us for information about your historic property.



Submitted photo

An antique postcard of Revolutionary Cannon in Lafayette Park courtesy of Roy Peterson. Notice the heavily pruned trees damaged by the tornado and the rebuilt bandstand in the background.

Wreath placed at Revolutionary War cannons in Lafayette Park

By Carolyn Willmore
Lafayette Square

The Missouri Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) placed a wreath at the cannons in Lafayette Park on Monday, February 20, 2006. The event followed the annual D.A.R. wreath laying ceremony at Washington's Statue.

The cannons were a gift to Lafayette Park from the Missouri Commandery of MOLLUS, and were dedicated on October 25, 1897. This was just a few months after the "Great Tornado" destroyed Lafayette Park. The cannons were called the most interesting relics of the Revolutionary War found in a western city in Hyde and Conrad's Encyclopedia of the History of St. Louis.

MOLLUS was founded on the day Lincoln died, April 15, 1865. Members of the organization were Union officers who

served honorably in the Civil War. Today, descendants of Union Civil War officers are members.

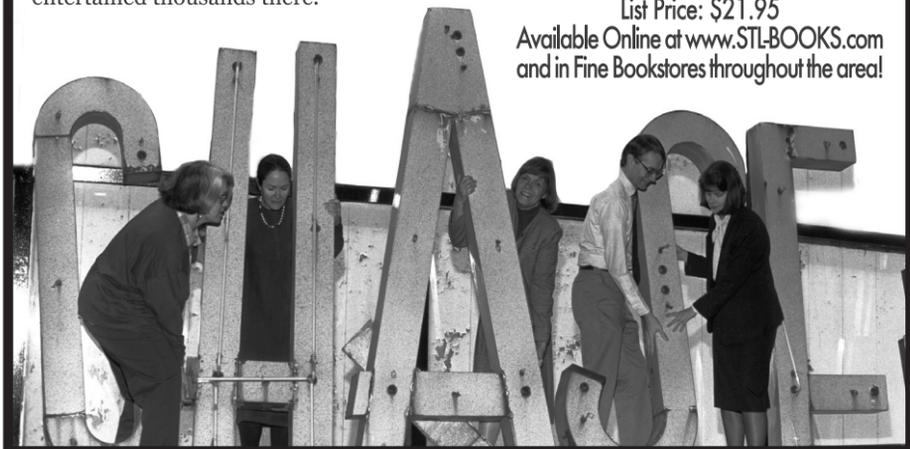
At the wreath laying, Douglas Niermeyer, Commander-in-Chief of MOMOLLUS, related the history of the cannons. The British Man-of-War Acteon was sunk with its cannons in place off Sullivan's Island in Charleston, S. C. harbor on June 28, 1776. In 1887, a British steamer struck something in Charleston Harbor. A diver found cannons that shot from the H.M.S. Acteon. The cannons were brought up and ordered to be destroyed, the rubble to be used for harbor improvements. Captain John Parker, a Union officer, helped save the relics. The Missouri Commandery of MOLLUS purchased three cannons for its museum at an auction.

For more information, see Niermeyer's article at <http://suvcw.org/mollus/art036.htm>

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Pestalozzi Place offers up a treat in Tower Grove East

By Bob & Sue Butler
Compton Heights

We have a new restaurant in the area: Pestalozzi Place. The restaurant occupies a rehabbed storefront on the corner of Pestalozzi and Virginia and is rapidly becoming a favorite neighborhood hangout. Based on our sampling from the moderately priced, American style menu we think the owners, experienced chefs, Dave Lawrence and Steve Graef, have created a successful eatery.

For our first visit, we recruited Paul and Patty Midden of 3435 Hawthorne as assistant restaurant reviewers. From the main menu we ordered the Pacific grilled salmon, pork tenderloin medallions and a stuffed pork chop. The pork tenderloin medallions were rolled in toasted fennel seeds which gave the dish a spicy zip. The Keta Pacific salmon came with a creamy horseradish sauce. Paul proclaimed it was the best salmon he'd ever eaten. The stuffed pork chop was superb, filled with Andouille sausage, spinach and Fontina cheese. This dish was served with a wine sauce.

Bob, who is on a diet, elected to try the pear salad prepared with dried cherries, sugared pecans and Fontina cheese. The cherry balsamic vinegar dressing was exceptional. Made with a reduction of tart cherries, it had a wonderful flavor and consistency.

All restaurant reviews require a dessert course and, having dieted for 45 minutes, Bob suggested compliance with this dictum. The vote in favor was unanimous. Desserts included a chocolate volcano, pumpkin cheese cake and a fudge brownie with a mocha drizzle. There is also an apple crisp, which, if you are on a diet we suggest combining with a scoop of ice cream. Many restaurants outsource dessert preparation, but not so at Pestalozzi Place. We commend them for their efforts, all of which are delicious.

The menu offers an interesting selection of "sides" so if you are down on your luck, but looking for a little night life, we have a suggestion: go to Pestalozzi Place and order a side of New World Fettuccini Alfredo for \$2.50. It is spicy, creamy and perfectly prepared. Ordinarily this is not a dish that gets you very excited, but this is exceptional. Order with a glass of water, or if things are not too dire, another \$4.25 will get you a glass of very acceptable house wine.

On our second visit we were accompanied by our neighbors at 2914 Allen, Darrel and Jeanna Jackson. Darrell ordered the Kansas City strip, which came with topped with a concoction of Swiss chard, pine nuts and chevre. It was superb. After sampling this dish you will think twice about throwing a steak on the backyard grill.

The main entrees were uniformly well-prepared and flavorful. If there is any fault to be found, it is located in the "starters and small plates" menu section. Several of the items, including the savory crepes, lacked flavor and were a bit disappointing. This was not true, however, for the soups, including the roasted tomato, which will make you forget Campbell's.

The wine list is modestly priced and contains some pleasant surprises. For those folks who would not be seen in

public ordering a glass of Merlot, take a daring leap and order a glass of Jewell Merlot, which has nice tannins and a strong finish. On our second visit, we ordered a bottle of Segura Viudas Tepranillo, which promised an aromatic sensation of blackberry, black current and bilberry. How can you resist the aromatic sensation of bilberry? At \$25.50 this was about the most expensive wine of the list and it provided a nice complement to our meals. There was, however, some argument about exactly which aromatic sensation corresponded to bilberry.

Prices at Pestalozzi Place are moderate with entrees from \$7.50 to \$10.50. The food is good and owners Dave Lawrence and Steve Graef are doing an outstanding job. Try it, you'll like it.

This review was previously published in the Compton Heights newsletter. Look for future reviews from Bob & Sue in upcoming issues!

LSBA Annual Meeting set

The Annual Meeting for the Lafayette Square Business Association (LSBA) is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on March 13, 2006 at Belas Artes, 1854 Russell (at Mississippi). All businesses located in the LaSalle Park, Peabody, Lafayette Square and McKinley Heights neighborhoods are invited to attend.

This is the first annual meeting of the LSBA since its founding in March 2005, so several changes are being proposed to the structure and bylaws of the Association to bring it more in line with the way it is currently operating. During the meeting the following issues will be discussed the voted upon:

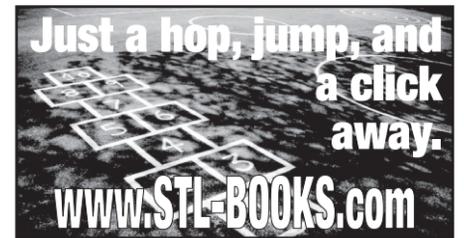
- The dissolution of the Communications Committee, with responsibilities of that group shared among the Marketing, Membership and Business Improvement Committees.
- The establishment of Public Safety and Special Events Committees.
- The creation of ad hoc groups with group "leads" to assist the Membership Committee and ensure that LSBA activities are geared to the needs of each member category ... B&B/retail shops,

personal care, professional services, real estate services and restaurants.

- Election of LSBA officers and approval of the Executive Committee, which will consist of a President, Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair, Secretary/Membership Committee Chair, Business Improvement Committee Chair, Public Safety Committee Chair, Marketing Committee Chair and Special Events Committee Chair.

• The Association will also be considering a revised meeting schedule to create a more robust environment for member interaction.

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A Walker's World

by Melanie Harvey

Connecting the dots with City Hospital

The transformation of the former City Hospital into The Georgian is a major project – a complicated example of adaptive re-use for a high-density population center. Empty for twenty years, run-down and obsolete before that, it fills a gap between neighborhoods where restoration has been a way of life for a quarter-century or more.

The early days of rehab carved out territory surrounding a historic focal point – Lafayette Park, Benton Park, Soulard Market – with the remnants of land surviving highway construction. These dots of activity on the map of a dying city were islands of hope and idealism. Now the dots are being connected; the urban fabric is being re-woven; property values are higher than we could have imagined even five years ago.

Before highways, St. Louis boundaries were less visible – but no less divisive. We've all been asked "Where did you go to high school?" A question older than that is "What parish are you from?" The first time I heard that one, thirty-some years ago, I was a Yankee newcomer with no idea how to reply – I didn't even understand the question! I have since learned the answers could reveal religious orientation, ethnic heritage, and social status – where one's boundaries were. Or what someone else thought one's boundaries should be.

In bleak mid-January, I was delighted to be asked to do a 3-hour walking tour for visitors (from Atlanta) intrigued

with our brick architecture. How to decide where to start? what to leave out? in a city of so many choices! They were hikers eager to cover as much ground as possible. We settled on Soulard Market as a hub - at its eclectic lively best on a Saturday morning, it was a place to stock up on coffee and donuts and extra scarves. We made three separate loops: south into Soulard, north to Lasalle Park, and west around Lafayette Park. We passed through historic ethnic parishes. We admired the efforts of activist rehabbers. We witnessed the effects of intrepid developers. Without leaves on the trees we could see clearly across highway boundaries: Soulard neighborhood to Benton Park neighborhood, Bohemian Hill to City Hospital, Lafayette Square to McKinley Heights.

It is always a pleasure to share St. Louis with the fresh eyes of enthusiastic visitors. They see continuity where residents may not. They have no preconceptions reflecting apartheid or parish or high school or neighborhood association. They see a marvelous city where the old is being made new again.

But these January visitors wanted to know, "Why don't we see more people out walking?"

Melanie Harvey, an urban enthusiast and independent tour guide, is a member of BUILD St. Louis and a volunteer for Citizens for Modern Transit. She can be reached at 314-367-3098 or www.DaytripperMO.com.

Warm weather on its way!

By Linda Weiner
Lafayette Square

Quote of the Month:

When I touch that flower, I am touching infinity

It existed long before there were human beings on this earth

And will continue to exist for millions of years to come.

Through the flower I talk to the infinite, which is only a silent force.

This is not a physical contact, it is not the earthquake, wind or fire.

It is in the invisible world.

It is that still small voice that calls up the fairies.

George Washington Carver
(1864-1943)
American Botanist

Truman Parkway Landscaping Update

Since my last entry and e-group notice regarding plans to beautify Truman Parkway, I've received a great neighborhood and City of St. Louis response! Thanks to April Breeden, Julie Stone, Johnny Lewis, Derek Wilke and their sons Darien and Tadairs, Cynthia McCafferty, Karen Snyder, Kim Peterson, Dane Drefke, Kara Kopplin and Chris Westmeyer for volunteering to help design, plant and or water and weed when we get there.

Otis Williams and Bill Sutton of the St. Louis Development Corporation have given me some names and numbers of contact people from the Board of Public Service, and from Parks, Recreation and Forestry who need to be in the loop and they have been contacted. Phyllis Young and Alderman Lewis Reed have also been included in correspondence.

I have spoken with "Urban Forrester" Chris McCarthy who will be proposing some "basic" planting of trees in the median and an evergreen screen of trees on the west side of Truman and a cost estimate. The immediate thought is to ask the Alderpersons to examine their funding to provide this beginning to which we can add via grantwriting through Gateway Greening and Operation Brightside grants to fill in the basic planting, especially at the Park, Lafayette and Carroll spots. The east side of Truman and the Chouteau entrance area will await finalization of construction by developers and then a planting plan will be developed in consultation with them.

Hope this is sounding good.

Operation Brightside will be releasing their grant applications sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation and private corporations this month which will be due in by August, giving us awhile to develop our design plan for the Park, Lafayette and/or Carroll areas which do have water available closeby.

I am proposing a meeting of all those interested in being involved in the design and or grantwriting to meet at my house, 1801 Hickory on Sunday, March 12 at 3 p.m. We can look at the plant and foundation materials provided by these grants and discuss design concepts.

Please give a call at 621-7071 and/or email me at linderweiner@prodigy.net to let me know of your interest and or availability.

This could be very fun!

Community Gardeners Meet, Eat and Plan

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Lafayette Square Community Garden folks met to greet new members, plan garden cleanups, discuss the best kind of tomatoes to plant, and inspire each other with new ideas. Currently we have 23 garden beds with a few beds being shared due to there being more people who would like to garden than there are beds. However, at this point we have no waiting list so if you would like to be placed on the list, please contact me or Co-Leader Steve Fliesler. You never know when a bed may become available!

2006 Adoption Sites Available

Each year volunteers are needed to adopt a site or two within the neighborhood boundaries. This year the following sites could use some love which might include planting of annuals, weeding and or watering:

- The mini-park at Mississippi and Park avenues
- The 18th and Chouteau "island" and lot (until redevelopment occurs)

Please contact Linda at 621-7071 to "adopt" one of these spaces.

Materials Available at Community Garden

Stop by the community garden and help yourself to leaf mulch, wood chips and composted soil for your home garden. The materials are delivered by the City of St. Louis as a service to the residents of Lafayette Square. We thank them!

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- We will give you a service request number and estimated completion date
- Call us back, we'll let you know the outcome

On the Internet- stlouis.missouri.org

- Look for the "Citizens' Services" section on the city home page
- Select a complaint category
- Select a specific complaint type
- Enter the address and describe the problem
- Give us your e-mail address and the following business day we will reply with your work order number and estimated completion date
- Call us back, we'll let you know the outcome

Other Tips

- Be specific and have the exact address ready. We will often need to know if the property is vacant or occupied
- Although in most situations you may remain anonymous, it is sometimes helpful for city inspectors to have your name in case they need additional information. CSB files, including complaints received on-line, are considered public record and must be made available to any person upon request
- If we can't answer your questions, we'll direct you to someone who can

Call anytime you observe a problem or need assistance with city services. They are there to help!

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Eleventh annual neighborhoods conference set for March 18

The Eleventh Annual St. Louis Neighborhoods Conference will be held Saturday, March 18 at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park.

Mary Nelson, recently retired as president of Bethel New Life community development corporation in Chicago, will give the keynote address. Nelson founded Bethel New Life in 1979 at a Lutheran church on the west side of Chicago. The neighborhood it serves was losing housing units at an alarming rate due to abandonment and demolition. Bethel New Life has grown from a staff of two and a budget of \$9,500 to a staff of 345 and a \$12 million annual budget. Bethel is engaged in housing development, employment training and placement, elderly services, and family support.

Following the keynote address, eighteen different workshops will focus on six general topic areas: housing and commu-

nity development; healthy communities; crime prevention and safety; organizational effectiveness; youth issues; and economic development. Attendees can choose to attend three workshops during the day.

You can register for the St. Louis Neighborhoods Conference with a credit card by calling (314) 644-9175. Advance registration is encouraged, but you can also register the day of the Conference. The \$15 conference fee includes a continental breakfast and box lunch. Conference registration and breakfast begin at 8:15 a.m. Mayor Francis Slay will conduct opening ceremonies at 8:45 a.m. and Mary Nelson will speak at 9 a.m.

For more information or to request a registration form, contact SLACO at (314) 533-9104, office@slaco.org.

Check out the Conference schedule, now available on SLACO's website: www.slaco.org.

March brings flurry of activity at Lafayette Park United Methodist

By Debra Crowe
Lafayette Park UMC

If the cold of winter has left you with a bad case of cabin fever, get out of the house and head for Lafayette Park United Methodist Church! We're in the neighborhood, at 2300 Lafayette Avenue, just east of Jefferson, and we're hosting many activities in March—and in the coming months—that offer a variety of ways to shake off the cold-weather doldrums.

On Saturday, March 11, come for the Potato Drop. At 8 a.m., 40,000 pounds of potatoes will be delivered to the parking lot on the west side of the church. Between that time and 11 a.m., they will be sorted into bags for distribution to area food pantries. It's a great opportunity to meet and greet Lafayette Park neighbors while helping those who are less fortunate.

Also on March 11 is the annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner hosted by the women of the UMW. A longtime favorite, this event features traditional corned beef and cabbage, dessert and a beverage for the price of just \$6.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 5-12. Kids under age 5 eat free. As an alternative, an entrée of roast beef is also available. Dinner is served from noon to 7 p.m. If you'd like a great home-cooked meal, but don't have enough time to join the festivities in Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church, call ahead for a carry-out dinner. The number is 314-773-1346. For pick-up, you may enter through either the lower-level door that faces Lafayette Avenue or the red door on the west side of the church.

The members of the UMW are a tireless bunch. They (with help from some very special friends) have been busy renovating the Resale Boutique on the lower level of the church. Look for the grand reopening on March 8. The Boutique will resume its normal hours of operation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each Thursday evening, starting March 9, there will be a Lenten study group meeting at 7 p.m. at the church. "On My Journey Now" is a meditation and reflection on African-American spirituals. Join others for what is sure to be an engaging and enlightening experience.

On Sunday mornings in March, we'll

be celebrating Women's History Month with the WOW sermon series, focusing on women in the Bible.

On Saturday, March 25, the gymnasium at the back of the church will once again come alive with the activity of attendees at LPUMC Preschool's Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction. Teams of 8-10 players will vie for victory as they compete in quizzes on a wide range of subjects! Individuals will compete with each other for gifts and gift coupons presented in the silent auction! Lots of people will win door prizes for just being there! Have a lot of fun and support the LPUMC Cooperative Preschool. Tickets are \$12.00 per player. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. The activity kicks off at 7:00. For table reservations or for more information, contact Edna Coleman at 314-771-9214, ext. 15 or via email at lppreschool@sbcglobal.net.

Also in March, VIM (Volunteers In Mission) will sponsor the first of two planned mission trips to help those in need. The week of March 20, a team will go to New Orleans for hurricane relief. Work may include cleanup, tree and debris removal, furniture removal, drywall removal and/or installation, and perhaps some roofing. Cost for this trip is being kept to a minimum. Members of the team will carpool instead of flying to New Orleans and, while there, will be camping out in the gymnasium of a local church. They'll also be preparing their own meals, so if you're not handy in the area of manual labor but would like to be the Camp Cook, there's a spot for you on the team! Later, May 20-26, a house-building team will be making a return trip to Juarez, Mexico. Their task will be to build two homes for families who currently live in tarpaper shacks. If you're interested in either of these service opportunities, please contact the church office at 314-771-9214. Either with the secretary or on voice mail indicate your interest and leave your name and contact info. One of the team leaders will call you back.

Any Sunday morning, please join us for worship. At 8:00 a.m., there is a more casual, contemporary service. Sunday school classes meet at 9:00. At 10:00 is the more traditional worship service. Following worship, join us downstairs for food and fellowship. **You are welcome here.**



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- General (\$10 per person)
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- Restorationist (\$60 per person)
- Preservationist (\$150 - Individual or Family)
- Marquis Circle (\$250 - Individual or Family)
- Friends of LSRC (Non-resident -- \$10 per person)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- I am interested in volunteer opportunities (e.g. House Tour, Bike Race).
- This donation is eligible for a corporate matching gift. (*Please submit a matching gift form from your company.)
- I am a new resident and would like to receive a Welcome Packet.

Please return with check or money order to:
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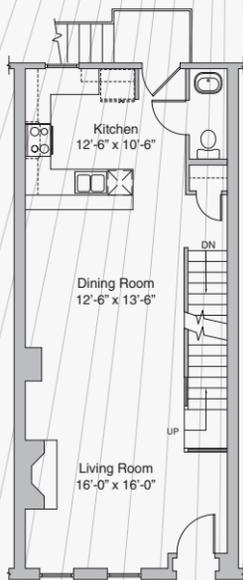
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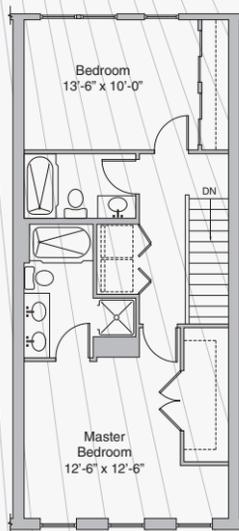
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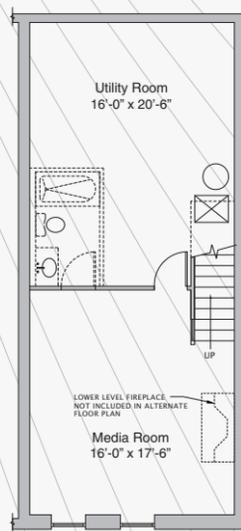
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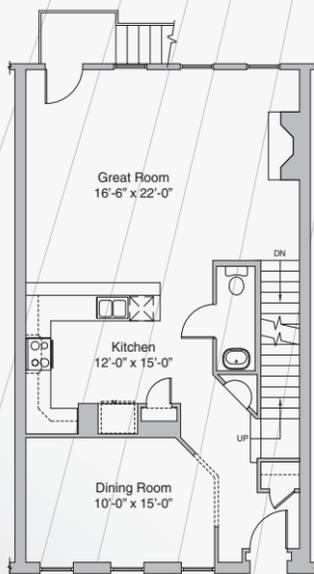
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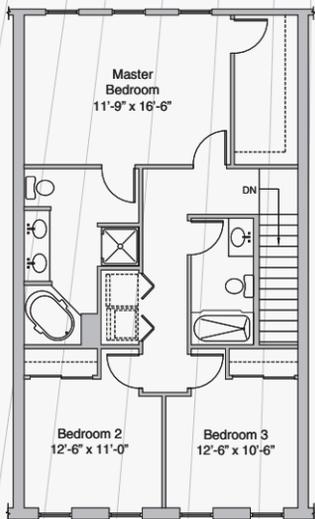
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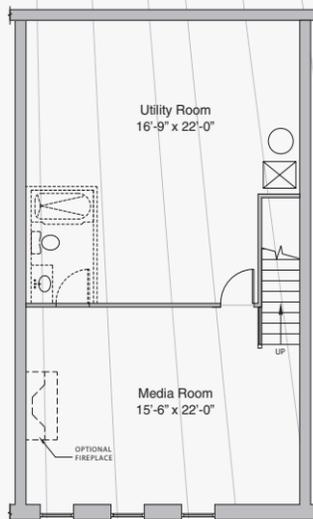
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