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Just around the corner...

Lafayette Square prepares to roll out the red carpet for 40th annual Spring Home and Garden Tour June 6 and 7

By Ian Stallman
Lafayette Park

It's almost here! The 40th annual Lafayette Square Spring Home and Garden Tour is just around the corner, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 6 and 7. The tour committee is hard at work putting our final touches on this year's tour. Previous tours have set the bar quite high, but we are confident that this year's tour will be among the best ever.

As of this writing, we have 12 wonderful homes and condos, five gardens and two small businesses ready to open their doors and welcome our guests. Old favorites will also return — the vintage base ball festival, antiques on the park, Artisans of Lafayette Square, carriage and trolley rides and more. We're also planning some new treats that should further enhance this year's tour — stay tuned!

Over the years, our spring tour has become one of the most anticipated events in the city, in large part because of the variety of events we offer, but perhaps in larger part due to the friendly, welcoming atmosphere we are able to create. Keep in mind over the next month that for many,

this will be their first exposure to our wonderful neighborhood.

Let's do everything we can to make sure that their experience is incredible! Operation Brightside Blitz weekend is approaching — spend a couple hours helping clean up our public spaces. Take a few seconds to pick up that scrap of litter that has blown onto your front sidewalk. Let's put on our best face for our visitors from near and far!

The theme of this year's tour is "The Ruby Jubilee," so we would like to paint the neighborhood red as much as possible. Please consider adding red accents to your home as you do your spring tune-ups, such as red annuals in your flowerbeds.

There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer for this year's tour, including pre-tour ticket sales, day-of-tour sales and serving as a docent. Please contact me and I will put you in touch with the appropriate committee member to get you started. I can be reached at home at 610-7103, by email at ianstallman@yahoo.com or you can swing by my house at 1725 Preston Place.

For those who have already volunteered, thanks for all of your help. See you all next month!



Photo courtesy of Ian Stallman

This house, 20 Benton Place, is one of those that will be featured in the Spring House Tour.

Senate shouldn't have to clean up after House

By Jeanette Mott Oxford
59th District State Representative

Recently I joked with some colleagues in the Missouri House of Representatives that we should get team spirit T-shirts printed up. I said the slogan across the back would read "We'll fix it in the Senate." Seriously, we do seem to pass a lot of bad legislation in the House

and send it over to the Senate hoping it will be improved, corrected (of mistakes found in final passage) or, in many cases, served up the death it deserves.

On April 16 the House passed two tragically flawed bills. The first was a proposed constitutional amendment (House Joint Resolution 36 sponsored by Ed Emery, R-Lamar) that would eliminate Missouri's income and corporate taxes. These would be replaced by a higher sales tax of 5.11 cents that would be applied across the board, including restoring sales tax to food and to prescription drugs. In addition, hundreds of services that are currently not subject to sales tax would also be taxed (doctors' visits, having an attorney draw up legal papers, getting your hair cut, landscaping, child care, valet parking, buying a house...the list goes on and on).

I offered a David Letterman-style "Top 10 Reasons to Vote Against HJR 36" during the debate. For example, I argued that the taxes on sales and services would be harshest on senior citizens (who frequently see doctors and attorneys and require many prescriptions) and young families (because they have to buy so many things as they become independent, including clothing for work, houses,

cars, furniture and baby items).

The sponsor gave absolutely no proof for his claims that this change in tax methodology would be good for Missouri (unlike my tax reform plan, for which I can provide an extensive cost-benefit analysis). For some reason 89 other legislators were willing to follow him lemming-like off the cliff. Hopefully the Senate will swiftly kick this resolution to the curb.

In a second piece of bad legislation on April 16, the House passed House Bill 668 to lower the minimum age for obtaining a conceal-carry permit from 23 to 21 and repeal a six-year-old prohibition of guns on college campuses. University of Missouri President Gary Forsee issued a statement saying the bill "increases the risk that our university family could be put in harm's way." College officials and student groups at some of the state's other public universities also have spoken out against the measure.

I argued that most shooting incidents involve a mentally ill person and that providing better funding for community-based mental health services (cut in the House budget) would do more to make Missouri safe than expanding conceal-

carry. Still the House passed HB 668 on a 105-50 vote, and it advances to the Senate.

The good news is that the GOP-led Senate on April 15 passed its version of the \$23.2 billion state operating budget for the next fiscal year. The Senate budget closely tracks the budget proposed by Gov. Jay Nixon. It reverses deep cuts approved by the House, mainly by using \$943 million in recovery funds from the federal government. Health care coverage is restored to 35,000 adults at no cost to state taxpayers through a voluntary tax Missouri hospitals have agreed to pay. House Republicans had rejected that proposal out of hand. Senate Republicans, however, turned down a Democratic attempt to expand health care coverage to 20,000 children. Let's hope the Senate version of the budget wins out in the conference committee process yet to come.

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House tour is time to be courteous to everyone

By Don Terrill
LSRC President

I know you've heard this before, but the "big weekend" is just around the corner. The residents of Lafayette Square are working hard (and they love it) to prepare for the Spring House Tour. The weekend of June 6 and 7 will once again mean sunshine, people everywhere and the first summer concert! Spring may bring a lot of color to the neighborhood, but the Spring House Tour always brings an unbelievable amount of energy and excitement to Lafayette Square.

The homes and gardens that will be on display will exemplify every one of our houses. Structures more than 100 years old will be brought to life with love and attention to detail, and we'll have gardens that the Missouri Botanical Garden would be proud to have. This is an opportunity to display our Park House that has been proudly restored, and a park that shows our dedication to public trust.

Ian Stallman and his committee are

working hard to top the previous 39 tours — yes, I said 39! This is a special tour in the history of the neighborhood and in the history of the city. A postcard example of the beauty that is Lafayette Square!

Another thought... The economy of our nation and city is in sad shape, as I write this the swine flu is the "hot" topic and many of our neighbors are concerned about their jobs.

But for some, their concerns are less complex, but no less important: dog poop! Am I wrong or is more of it showing up in the park and on our sidewalks? The LPC offers waste bags in the park as a courtesy to the neighborhood. The operative word here is courtesy. Everyone in the Square needs to remember that while some may not mind it (really?), a lot of people do! All I ask is that all those who have pets be responsible about the behavior of those pets. Owning an animal has responsibilities! Be considerate of your neighbors.

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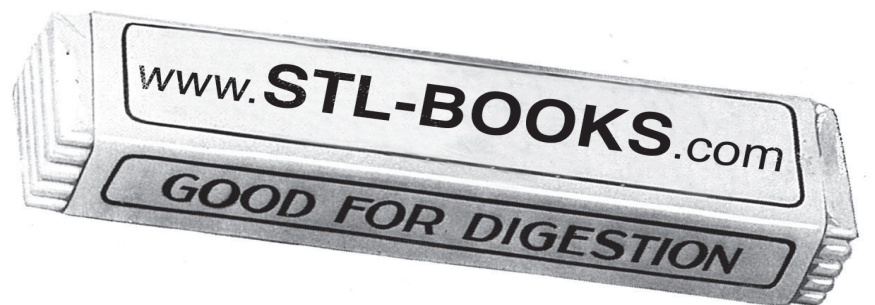
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Gardeners prepare to Blitz Lafayette Square

By Linda Weiner
Lafayette Square

Quote of the month

Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh how beautiful' and sitting in the shade.
— Rudyard Kipling

Operation Brightside Blitz arrives May 9

May 9 is our Blitz in the Park and Blitz the Neighborhood Streets and Alleys, as well as a good opportunity to rid your property of excess junk.

Get your junk out to the alley early and head for the Washington Statue in Lafayette Park at 9 a.m. for mulching and flower planting, or join one of the block captains to sweep an alley or sidewalk, making way for beauty.

Many thanks to our volunteer block captains: Jason Stokes, Bridget Cartwright, Tony Mikesell, Ward Buckner, Patricia Barber, Don Little, Mitchell and Devyani Hunt, Carol Ward, Rhonda Wright-Broderrick, Carrie Koenig, Suzanne Sessions, Pete and Karen Snyder, Terry and Mark Etling, Tim Kaminiski, Wendy Dodd, Diana Gray, Don Owens, Ian Stallman, Rebecca Wright, Adam Rucker, Bob Pinkowski and Beverly McCain, Kelly Steinman and Lynn Keay. Many thanks to Operation Brightside for its assistance in so many ways!

Blitz info and trash instructions

All "yard waste only" and trash receptacles will be emptied on the Blitz Saturday.

Large appliances, tires, car batteries and motor oil will also be collected but separately from other bulk items. These items will be recycled.

All debris must be bagged and put into trash receptacles. Loose debris will not be picked up. Trash collection will begin at 10 a.m. Please have all items out by this time. Branches more than 2 inches in diameter and no longer than 3 feet must be bundled and placed with bulk items for collection.

If you have dumpsters in your alley:

- Place all small items in trash dumpster. Be careful not to overload it.
- Your regular bulk pick-up site is directly behind your home at the edge of the alley. This is where you place large items such as any dumpster. Do not block any streets, alleys or sidewalks. Items placed on private property cannot be picked up.

• For yard waste, place grass, leaves and twigs in "yard waste only" dumpsters.

If you have a roll-out cart:

- Place all small items in your roll-out cart. Be careful not to overload it.
- Your regular bulk pick-up site is directly in front of your home at the curb. This is where you place large items such as furniture and appliances. Make sure bulk items are at least 4 feet from any roll-out cart. Do not block any streets, alleys or sidewalks. Items placed on private property cannot be picked up.
- For the Blitz day only, you may bag your grass, leaves and twigs and mark it as "yard waste" for collection.

There are lots of volunteer beautification opportunities for May!

By the time you read this you will have missed the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Rake-a-Thon at Lafayette Park on May 2. Many thanks to Linda and Steve Skinner and Daphne and Don Terrill for organizing this great event, and to Carolyn Willmore and Susan Pinker-Dodd for their participation.

On May 9 we have Operation Bright-

side Blitz Day and we will meet at 9 a.m. at the Washington Statue in Lafayette Park to work on the park and the neighborhood. As a matter of fact, we'll be at the park every Saturday and Wednesday or Thursday morning from now until the House Tour. Come by and help when you can! Gardening is good for your body, clears your mind and mends your spirit! Allow yourself to exercise, enjoy fellowship and experience the satisfaction of seeing something miraculous happen before your eyes!

SLU volunteers, neighborhood supervisors begin beautification efforts

Those of you who were around to watch the action on April 18 were amazed at the number of volunteers (more than 60) who were beautifying Truman Parkway, the

mini-park at Park and Mississippi, the Park Avenue medians and bump-outs, and several locations within Lafayette Park. Thanks to all of you who volunteered to help! We accomplished an amazing amount! Our thanks also to the city departments of Parks and Recreation and Forestry for all that they did to deliver materials despite weather and equipment problems, and to remove mounds of debris.

Among the supervisors and neighborhood volunteers we thank Patricia Barber, Keith Welsh and Michael Knight, David Horr, Steve Mann and Robin Kruse, Bill and Sue Heggerty, Carol Ward, Sue Pinker Dodd, Larry Dodd, Ward Buckner, Carolyn Willmore, Rebecca Wright, Tom Keay, Sue and Terry Linhardt, John Emery, Jorg Albrecht and Ella Heigham. I'm sure I'm forgetting some of you! Thanks!

LPC to host second annual plant sale during house tour

The Lafayette Park Conservancy will host its second annual plant sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 6 and 7. The booth will be set up by the Park House, at the corner of Mississippi and Lafayette avenues. Proceeds from the sale will be used to beautify Lafayette Park. The floral gardens in Lafayette Park are maintained by a partnership between Flora Conservancy volunteers and the city of St. Louis Parks Department. Seedlings and cuttings have been growing in the city greenhouses since January for the sale and for planting in Lafayette Park.


A small sampling of the plants offered at the sale includes: alternanthera, begonias, cannas, celosia, cleome, coleus, companula, elephant ears, asparagus, Boston and Kimberly ferns, an assortment of herbs, hyacinth bean, iresine, lilies, Moses in the cradle, pandanas, Persian shield, pentas,


zinnias and Christmas cactus. Lafayette Park Conservancy T-shirts and park booklets will also be available for purchase. Also, a free plant or pair of wine glasses will be given to everyone who joins the Lafayette Park Conservancy during House Tour weekend.

Updates on the park projects that the LPC are currently working on will be on display, which include: re-roofing the boathouse; cleaning and conserving the Benton statue; preparing architectural documents for resurfacing and edging park pathways; funding search for rebuilding the 1876 music stand; and remounting on a new carriage and pad the first of three Revolutionary War ship's guns.

If you would like to help out with the plant sale, call Susan at 231-5367. For more information about the Lafayette Park Conservancy visit www.lafayettepark.org

— Susan Pinker-Dodd





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Lafayette Park Baptist Church celebrates 140th anniversary

By Vickie Williams
Lafayette Park Baptist Church

Lafayette Park Baptist Church is excited to announce the kickoff to our 140th anniversary celebration and our capital improvements campaign!

Lafayette Park Baptist Church, 1710 Mississippi Ave., is celebrating its 140th anniversary with a host of activities, including a church reunion — which will take place from noon to 4 p.m. May 9 — and the Celebration Finale at 3:30 p.m. May 17.

Established in 1869, Lafayette Park Baptist Church has been serving the community from the same location for 140 years. To celebrate the occasion, the church is hosting several activities to bring former and present members together to share memories of the past and plans for the future. Surviving the great cyclone of 1896, urban sprawl, decay and multiple transitions, Lafayette Park Baptist Church continues to serve the community and continues to make history, installing its first African-American pastor in November of 2005.

Just as the residents and businesses in Lafayette Square are witnessing a rebirth of community, pride and service to one another, so is the church. We remain committed to continuing our service to the community.

"This church has a rich history, most of which has been wonderfully preserved. I am honored to continue the tradition of great service to the community for which this church has been known for 140 years," said Reggie L. Hall, senior pastor for the church.

Due to the many challenges over the years, the church property is in need of many updates, improvements and additions. We have embarked upon a capital improvements campaign, which will help us to restore the church to its former glory. This new funding will allow for the restoration and beautification of our church property, which in turn will allow us to be of greater service to the community.

Below is a list of building projects that are being undertaken as we continue to focus on providing the best possible service to our community:

- Installing a new roof for the annex building;
- Updating the heating and cooling systems;
- Updating the kitchen and dining and

fellowship halls;

- Repairing water damage; and
- Creating a prayer garden.

The church also plans on providing several community service programs, including day care, an after-school program, a computer lab, a youth center, an outreach center (which would provide food, clothing and other necessities) and a family resource center that would help out with housing and counseling.

Former pastors, leaders and members of Lafayette Park Baptist Church will gather for the celebration reunion. "Everyone is excited about the new life the church is experiencing," Hall said. "It's an exciting time for our church. As we look to the future with much hope, we also want to take a look back from whence we came... knowing that we would not be but for those who came before us. They are the ones we want to celebrate."

The guest speaker for the reunion will be James L. McIntosh of the Brookes Bible Institute, which also got its start in the Lafayette Square neighborhood. All scheduled events are free and open to the public.

Several businesses in the community have already offered support for our capital improvements campaign, and we'd like to invite the entire community to participate. There are several ways to make tax-deductible donations to the church. Monthly pledges may be made at the \$100, or platinum, level; \$75, or gold, level; \$50, or silver, level; or at \$25 for the bronze level. One-time donations are also acceptable. Checks made payable to Lafayette Park Baptist Church may be dropped off or mailed to the church at 1710 Mississippi Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104.

"We give God all the glory for all that He is doing to revitalize and rebuild this church. We invite the entire community to come and experience the great movement that is happening," Hall said.

A contemporary worship service is held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study is at 7 p.m. A traditional Sunday service will soon be offered. Stay tuned for more information.

For more information about the church, activities or the capital improvements campaign, please contact Elder Vickie Williams at the church, 776-6045, or on her cell phone at 518-8845; or e-mail lafayettebaptist@sbcglobal.net.

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14 Family Movie. *Spirited Away*. 4-6 p.m.
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16 Knitting Circle. Love knitting, but also love company? Join us for some new school knitting with an old-school flavor. Bring your projects. Adult. 1-3 p.m.

19 Henna Tattoos. Temporary body art. 4-5 p.m.

21 GED: Path to Success. Adult.

23 Laughter Yoga with Marlene Chertok. Adult. 11 a.m.-noon.

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

28 Got Game? X-Box 360 and Wii gaming. Teen. 4-6 p.m.
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Help LPUMC reach out to those in need

By Debra Crowe
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

If you've ever read a disheartening story in the newspaper or been saddened by the headline on your computer's home page and asked yourself, "What can I do to make the world better?" read on about some of the ways the members and friends of Lafayette Park United Methodist Church are making a difference in the lives of those in need.

For centuries, churches have been a destination for those seeking comfort. Whether people need shelter from the elements, a warm cup of coffee and a smile or someone to listen to their stories, it's the same for churches today. Several years ago, Matthew's Brown Bags emergency food program was started in response to those who come to LPUMC's side door asking for food. Each person receives a ready-to-eat meal of non-perishable items such as canned meat, peanut butter, crackers and canned fruit. To date, Matthew's Brown Bags has provided meals for hundreds of hungry people through the donations of church members and other caring individuals. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please call the church office and you will be referred to the program administrator.

Unfortunately, hunger is a widespread problem. To help those beyond the scope of MBB, CARES Outreach, operating out of Lafayette Park UMC's sister church, Centenary UMC at 1610 Olive St., serves meals to the downtown population of individuals who are homeless and/or food-deprived. At present, CARES serves approximately 3,000 meals per week. This not-for-profit organization relies heavily on donated food and on volunteers to help prepare and serve three meals a day Monday through Thursday, breakfast and lunch on Friday and dinner on Sunday. Sound like a big undertaking? It is! If you would like to learn more about this great big, wonderful, hard-work-and-worth-it endeavor, please contact the CARES Volunteer Coordinator at 421-3136, ext. 105. It can open up a whole new world of ways to make a difference.

If you enjoy getting down and dirty

with your free time, consider joining Lafayette Park UMC's hands-on mission team in support of the Solomon Project. Organized through North Grand Neighborhood Services (NGNS), the Solomon Project is supported by corporate and private sponsors as well as other not-for-profit groups and rehabs older homes and buildings, transforming them into safe, affordable housing. Join the LPUMC team from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 30. Lunch will be provided on the worksite. If you're not especially handy, you may wish to make a financial donation instead. Every dollar received is passed on as savings to the prospective homeowner. For more information, please contact Pastor Sharon at lpassociate@sbcglobal.net or Jason Stokes at jmstokes@bus.illinois.edu.

On a more relaxing note, please set aside May 30 for an evening of musical pleasure. At 7 p.m., the sanctuary at the church will be filled with the music of the Russian Choral Ensemble, Lyra. This concert will feature Russian folk music plus contemporary pieces from the 18th to 20th centuries. Comprised primarily of students or graduates of the St. Petersburg Conservatory, Lyra's main goal is exploring and popularizing Russian choral music. Their selections range from the ancient songs of the Orthodox church to secular songs of Russian classical composers Taneev, Tchaikovsky and Rakhmaninov; from works by little-known but remarkable composers of the 18th to 20th centuries to the classic compositions by such greats as Borntiansky and Gretchaninov. This concert is free and open to all.

Looking ahead to June, make plans now for vacation Bible school. Held this year from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 15 through 19, it's sure to be both educational and fun. More details will be in the June issue of the *Marquis*. If you can't wait until then for more information, please call Chad at 776-4447 or Pastor Sharon at 771-9214.

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

Housing conservation program helps maintain neighborhoods

By Kacie Starr Triplett
Alderman for the 6th Ward

The St. Louis Housing Conservation program may not be the most appealing topic for an entire newsletter article. Yet it serves as an important and valuable city resource in maintaining our wonderful city neighborhoods.

Currently, the housing conservation program covers almost 90 percent of the city of St. Louis. Created to identify property maintenance issues before they become significant health and safety hazards, the program has played a key part in reducing the amount of lead in city homes.

So how does the conservation program work? Each time there is a change in tenancy or property ownership within a conservation district, a building inspector is required to visit and inspect the property. As a property owner, it has been my experience that these inspections usually last no longer than 15 minutes. The friendly inspector examines smoke detectors to make sure they are functioning, checks windows to ensure they are operable, completes a visual inspection for peeling paint and occupancy overcrowding and takes a look at electrical wiring for the prevention of electrical fires. Once the inspection is completed, the

owner receives a certificate of compliance. The inspection fees in a housing conservation district range from \$70 to \$110.

The inspector's responsibility in a housing conservation district is to ensure that the property is safe and habitable for occupancy. Living in a housing conservation district provides an additional layer of security for city residents by ensuring that our city government is doing all it can to maintain and preserve a healthy housing stock.

Currently, the majority of the 6th Ward is located within a housing conservation district. Only the 6th Ward portion of Lafayette Square and apartments owned by the St. Louis Housing Authority (which have their own stringent requirements for property maintenance) are not. Please let me know what you think about the St. Louis housing conservation program. Should it be expanded to cover additional areas? You can e-mail me at Triplettk@stlouiscity.com.

Also, I hope that you will join me for an important community meeting featuring our city assessor, Ed Bushmeyer, at 6:30 p.m. May 19 at Stray Dog Theatre, 2348 Tennessee. Hope to see a reduction in your property taxes due to the decline in the housing market? Make sure you come to the meeting and get answers to all your questions!

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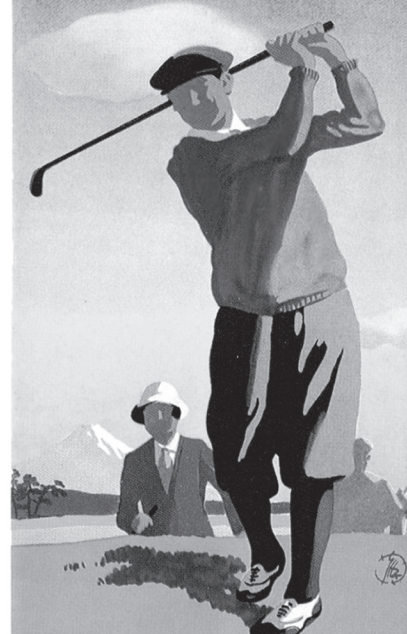


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April LSRC membership meeting minutes

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APRIL 4, 2009 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 74 residents in attendance. Past President Pete Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the March minutes as amended by the secretary. Sign-up sheets for 2009 after-meeting socials and House Tour were distributed.

Committee reports

Spring House Tour — Ian Stallman reported that homes are still needed for this 40th anniversary Home and Garden Tour. Tour posters are ready to be picked up at Wayne White's office at Studio 2108 on Chouteau. Targeting 11 homes and more gardens (currently four confirmed) plus two businesses.

Safety — Capt. Gwen Spicer reported that Officer Lang has been transferred and they are in the process of selecting a new officer to represent our neighborhood. Officer Min is still on duty. Crime is down 12 percent year-to-date. Capt. Spicer can be reached at 444-2580.

Treasurer — We're currently at 5 percent of projected income and 14 percent of projected expenses as we begin to prepare for the upcoming Home and Garden Tour.

Membership — Currently have 130 members of the LSRC. The current list of members will be published in the May *Marquis*.

Movies in the Park

June 13 – Big Brothers Big Sisters – *Spider-man*
July 11 – Baskets of Hope – *Angels in the Outfield*
Sept 14 – USO – movie TBD

Beautification — Sixty students from SLU will be coming this weekend to help in the park and the Jefferson medians. Volunteers from Wells Fargo/Wachovia will be planting bulbs on the new Jefferson thruway on May 5.

Development — Mark Etling reported on three projects that came before the

Development Committee:

- Proposed new construction (green) at 1201-1207 Dolman;
- A home on Missouri Avenue presented plans for an expanded carriage house and new wraparound porch;
- Amendments to the historic code — The Board reviewed the committee's suggestions and the proposed amendments have been sent to Cultural Resources to review before any further discussion. The neighborhood will have ample time for review during this process. Any proposed amendments will come before a public hearing with the Board of Alderman who will update the city ordinance once the amendments are approved.

Community Affairs — Continue to check the website for updates on the neighborhood. Liz Lohman is also beginning work on the community directory.

Old business

Both motions were voted with a paper ballot. All members of the LSRC were eligible to vote.

Motion: Park Gazebo project – Passed 53 in favor, 13 against

Requesting an additional \$20,000 for the LSRC Unreserved Fund Balance for the Gazebo project.

A motion of the floor was made and seconded to amend the LPC motion on the floor so that the four individual projects could be voted on separately. The motion failed 30 votes against, 27 votes in favor

Motion: Lafayette Park Conservancy donation — Passed 41 in favor, 25 against

A motion to approve the total request of \$21,500 for the LPC to be funded from the Unreserved Fund Balance in the 2009 Operating Budget of the LSRC:

- \$300 – Operations and Maintenance of the park
 - \$6,500 – Historic Walk and Tour
 - \$6,000 – Revolutionary War Cannons
 - \$6,000 – Pathway Restoration
- Total Request: \$21,500

New business

Conflict of Interest Motion — A motion was made to amend the bylaws of the LSRC by Houston Smith at the March meeting. Conflict of interest is defined as "No member of the LSRC may vote to approve or deny a motion to transfer LSRC funds over \$1,000 to another organization of which they are also a member." The motion was seconded.

Houston Smith will withdraw the conflict of interest policy proposed in the March meeting if the LSRC creates a Conflict of Interest Policy as an update the LSRC Bylaws. There will not be a vote in May on this motion. Pat Barber will forward to Pete Snyder and Don Terrill examples of Conflict of Interest Policies for other not-for-profit organizations.

Announcements

Rue de Lafayette has a target open date at the end of May. The DIY network will begin airing a work-in-progress report beginning on April 29. HGTV will begin to air the show in June. For more details, go to www.ruedelafayette.com

Meeting schedule

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

The LSRC Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. May 5 in the Park House.

The LSRC Membership meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 12 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The after-meeting social was held in the Park House and hosted by Ian Stallman and Jessica Miller. Many thanks to our last-minute hosts!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Jensen
membership secretary

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Arts Council to team up with charities for Movies in the Park

By Jennifer Weston & Linda Skinner
Lafayette Park

The Lafayette Square Arts Council is pleased to announce that we will once again have free movie events in Lafayette Park this summer. Our mission is to make a difference in the civic life of our neighborhood. For those who weren't able to attend one of our events last year, it was important to us to create a venue for sharing knowledge, employing skills, defining values and creating motivation to be able to fulfill our mission. The one thing we felt was missing was outreach, so we are thrilled to be partnering with three different charitable organizations for the events this summer.

Movies in the Park will kick off its season on June 13. During this first event, we will partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri. BBBS' mission is to provide a mentor for every child who wants and needs one. The evening's activities will culminate with the showing of *Spider-man*. Much like *Spider-man*, BBBS is an organization of heroes. We will honor all the volunteers who have taken time from their busy lives to be a mentor to a child through the program.

Our second movie event will take place on July 11, as we partner with the charity

Basket of Hope. Basket of Hope's mission is to give hope to children with cancer and other serious illnesses. The organization delivers gift baskets to those children and their parents. Since this event will take place during All-Star Week, our theme will be baseball.

Our final event will be on Sept. 19. Our partnership this time will be with the USO of Missouri. The USO's mission is to enhance the quality of life of the U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families worldwide and to create a cooperative relationship between U.S. military communities and involved or supporting civilian communities. Our event will honor the sacrifices our service men and women make as well as those of their families.

Each movie event will have a fundraising aspect so we can help these deserving charities continue the work they do. We hope you will be able to attend the fun-filled evenings we have planned. We look forward to sharing with our partners the wonderful neighborhood we have and beginning a relationship with them that will hopefully continue for years to come. More details of the events will be in future *Marquis* issues. If you are interested in volunteering please call 888-344-6881, ext. 104. See you at the movies!

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