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## Good mourning

**Cyndie Aherns (left) and Peggy Avery model traditional Victorian mourning dresses last October. This year, throughout the month of October, the Chatillon-DeMenil House, at 3352 DeMenil Place, will be decorated as if in a state of mourning, culminating with an afternoon of quiet contemplation, exhibits and presentations from noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 28 as the rituals of 19th Century mourning are observed. Call 771-5828 for more details.**

# Shape up!

## Urban Market and Health Fair to gather health-focused merchants

By April Breeden  
Lafayette Square Chiropractic Centre

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### History of health and wellness

The first annual urban health fair will be held in Lafayette Square from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 20. The event, "Urban Health Fair and Market: Discover Wellness," will take place at the urban pocket park and parking lot at Chouteau Avenue and 18th Street.

The event is organized by the Urban Health Initiative, a group of independent city business owners whose services, products and clientele are "wellness-focused." The primary goals of the Urban Health Initiative are:

- To promote health and wellness education and lifestyles in urban communities; and
- To support city businesses that further the above objective.

The Urban Health Fair and Market will include complimentary acupuncture, nervous system scans, fitness tests and contests, massage, yoga demonstrations, healthy food options, music and entertainment, children's activities and other educational opportunities.

Anticipated vendors include: Arbonne, Big Shark Bicycle Company, Community Acupuncture of St. Louis, Fitness Factory, Four Muddy Paws, Garden Walk Massage Therapy, Juice Plus+, Lafayette Square Chiropractic Centre, Marbles Yoga Studio, Sqwires Restaurant & Market, Take Action

The terms "health" and "wellness" mean different things to different people at different times in their lives. From a holistic perspective, health is definitely more than just the absence of disease or sickness; it is multi-faceted. It involves various areas of functioning such as nutrition, nervous system function, exercise, healthy relationships, a sense of purpose and adequate rest, to name a few.

H.L. Dunn, one of the first scholars to use the term "wellness," defined it as "an integrated method of functioning which is oriented toward maximizing the potential of which the individual is capable." A mouthful, yes, but interesting because it establishes from the start that wellness is not a fixed state but a way of being, and living a full and meaningful life is at the core of the concept.

Today, the National Wellness Institute defines wellness as, "an active process through which people become aware of and make choices towards, a more successful existence." This definition is similar to Dunn's, but also emphasizes that the process is an educational one and that health is a choice people make on a day-to-day basis. The Urban Health Initiative seeks to help people discover

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# LSRC annual meeting brings elections, guest speaker

By Dane Drefke  
LSRC President

The Oct. 9 membership meeting is the official annual meeting for the LSRC. We will conduct several items

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November Marquis Deadline:  
Thursday, Oct. 18

of very important business, and this is a meeting you don't want to miss.

Our guest speaker will be Ms. Melanie Adams, a member of the Special Administrative Board that is now running the St. Louis Public School District.

Ms. Adams would like to introduce herself to Lafayette Square and give an update on the status of progress and challenges in the district.

Ms. Adams will also be happy to take any questions you may have after her update. Please help me welcome Special Administrative Board Member Adams to Lafayette Square.

We will also have a brief presentation on a proposed development for the property at 1539 Vail Place. The current plan calls for three new units to be added to this property and to renovate the current building.

Concerned neighbors have raised objections that the proposed development is too dense and would create problems pertaining to massing, parking and access to public sewer lines. The

developer has been invited to present the merits of his design, and a presentation will be made by concerned residents.

Following any questions, the membership will be asked to either support or oppose the development as planned.

At the time of this writing, we are working hard to bring you the new neighborhood directory for 2007-2008 in time for the October meeting. We have worked hard to make this valued resource as accurate as we could, and we gave it a fresh new look. Please come to the meeting to pick up your copy of the new directory!

October is also time for the changing of the guard in the LSRC. The confirmation election will be held to approve the new board of directors. Each position that is available has a nominee, and they are:

- V.P./President-Elect — Greg Yin
- V.P. Development — Keith Houghton
- V.P. Development-Elect — Mark

Etling  
V.P. Community Affairs — Rachel Witt

Treasurer Elect — Susan Linhardt  
Membership Secretary — Ann

Horner  
Board Secretary — Jessica Miller  
Directors at large — Chuck Jung,

Larry Dodd, Steve Fichet  
My thanks go out to the volunteers who stepped up to serve. Your admirable willingness to give of your time and energies is greatly appreciated. At the conclusion of the elections, the new board goes into effect immediately. Please join me in giving President-Elect Pete Snyder your full support.

The Oct. 9 LSRC Membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church at the corner of Lafayette and Missouri avenues. Please enter through the red, ground level door to the right of the main stairs. A lively social will be held immediately after the meeting. See you there.

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# October marks changing of the guard in Square

By Dane Drefke  
LSRC President

Fall is in the air, and I love it. This is a charming time of year when the wind turns cold from the northwest, and the colors are as vibrantly beautiful as they are fleeting. I hope you enjoyed all the activity this summer had to offer.

This is a time of transition. The seasons are changing, and so are the faces in our neighborhood organization. The annual meeting for the LSRC will take place on Oct. 9.

This is the time of year when a new president takes the helm, and a new board of directors is voted in to support him or her. Please see the article in this issue of the Marquis for more details on the upcoming meeting.

Oct. 9 will be my final day as presi-

dent of the LSRC. I thank you for your support this past year and for placing your trust in me. I have done my best and all that I knew to do to be a good steward of that trust. I made my share of mistakes, but I also have many accomplishments to be proud of.

I want to offer my profound thanks to those members of the board whose terms are expiring in October. Houston Smith, Paul Doerner, Susan Sauer, David Diehl, Julie Drefke, Chris Westmeyer and Linda Weiner have served you selflessly and with distinction. Please thank them for their dedication and service to you these past two years.

Please give your new president, Mr. Pete Snyder, and the new board of directors your full support as they take on the challenges facing Lafayette Square in the coming year.

## Editor's Note

It is the goal of this publication and those who support it to bring you the news about your neighborhood each month. This is your news, and we want to do our best to bring it to you in the most accurate and professional manner possible. So if you have something you'd like us to include, feel free to contact us. We're always happy to accept article submissions, photos, press releases or story ideas from anywhere in our coverage area, and we'll do our best to include them.

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

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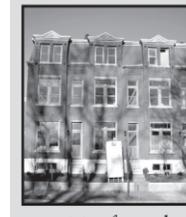
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# Grants awarded for Lafayette Square; volunteers needed for fall plantings

By Linda Weiner  
Lafayette Square

### Quote of the Month

Basic to an integrated life is a dominant ideal. To plow a straight row one must keep his eye on the goal rather than the plow.

— J.M. Price

### Trio of grants approved for Lafayette Square

Lafayette Square has been awarded several grants, totaling more than \$4,500, from the Missouri Department of Conservation, Nature's Naturoscaping (a Boeing and Anheuser-Busch community giving program) and Growing St. Louis. All three grants are being administered by Operation Brightside.

We are particularly proud of the fact that the Community Connections greening grant from the Department of Conservation, in the amount of \$2,525, was one of only five awarded this year. The grants will be used to replant the Jefferson Avenue median, the grotto and a portion of the Washington Statue, and to plant around the Park House.

Thanks go to Patricia Barber, Erin Budde and Lafayette Park Conservancy board members Carolyn Willmore, Ward Buckner, Robert Bischoff and Susan Pinker-Dodd. Look for us to "tap you" for planting from 9 to 11 a.m. Oct. 13 at any of these sites.

### Urn and base arrive at Truman Parkway and Park Avenue

The long awaited spruce-up of the entrance to Lafayette Square at Truman Parkway has begun. The urn has arrived! Quick, let's secure it, paint it and pray for its safety! Trees will shortly follow, thanks to the Forestry Division's assistance when Gateway Greening's source dried up temporarily.

Many thanks go to Gateway Greening for the urn, and to Alderman Kacie Starr-Triplett and Chris McCarthy of the Forestry Division for the rescue.

### Lafayette Square community garden approved by LRA

By the time you read this, the Lafayette Square Community Garden may have been approved by the Land

Reutilization Authority to become a part of Gateway Greening's Land Trust, which will be the umbrella organization to provide insurance and administrative assistance to the garden for generations to come.

Based on a presentation by Gateway Greening at the September LSRC membership meeting, the LSRC voted to allow Gateway Greening the honor of providing the oversight to our garden, which they have envisioned as part of a network of community gardens throughout the metropolitan area.

### Volunteers and Lafayette Park Conservancy continue to beautify

Last month, volunteers ready for the fall season beautified at least three different sites throughout the neighborhood. The Washington Statue (which unfortunately is experiencing a nasty virus), was administered to by Robert Bischoff, Marilyn Lane, Susan Pinker-Dodd and Sue Linhardt.

A "rock party," complete with music and a dancing woman, was held at the grotto with Lafayette Park Conservancy members Ken Stone, Carolyn Willmore, Susan Pinker-Dodd and Terry Lindhardt and volunteers Marilyn Lane, Larry Dodd and Russ Ramsey, who also helped with transplanting efforts on the Park Avenue medians and bump-out with Don Heus. Many thanks for the fabulous refurbishing!

### Muchas, muchas gracias

Thanks to Ellie Snyder for watering the planters at the entrance to Lafayette Park, inviting all to enter. Many thanks also to plant donations for the Jefferson Avenue median by Rolling Ridge Nursery, Garden Heights Nursery, Tesson Farms Garden Center and Bayer's Garden Shop. The crape myrtles give the bed at Lafayette Avenue some much needed, late summer color!

### 10th Annual Lafayette Square Fall Harvest Party to be held at the community garden Oct. 14

Come one, come all who helped beautify Lafayette Square this season! Bring a dish to share and something to sit on and enjoy the company of neighborhood friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 14 at the community garden at Park Avenue and Dolman Street.

# Pumpkin Patch arrives at LPUMC

By Debra Crowe  
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

In previous months, you've been asked to "think green" and make good use of the recycling containers at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church. In October, however, it's time to "think orange!"

On Oct. 13, hundreds of pumpkins will arrive for LPUMC's fourth annual Pumpkin Patch. City residents don't need to drive 20 miles to find pumpkins for holiday decorating. There will be lots to choose from in the parking lot on the west side of the church. They come in lots of sizes — from "minis," which are just right for tabletop decorating, to "really big," for the best jack-o-lantern ever!

And that's not all. The Patch will also offer straw bales, Indian corn and gourds of various shapes and sizes.

The pumpkins, which are grown by Native Americans in the Southwest, are top quality and are great for cooking and baking. Proceeds from sales go towards church-sponsored efforts like the upcoming Volunteers In Mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, to build a home for a family currently living in a wood pallet-and-cardboard structure, and to provide toys and medical supplies for local children.

If you'd like this year's jack-o-lantern to shine beyond Halloween, come on over to the Pumpkin Patch. Bring the whole family and a few friends, too. It makes for a great autumn outing.

The Patch will be open Monday

through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Oct. 14 is the Fall Fun Festival. Starting at 11:30 a.m. there will be games, face painting and food to add to the fun.

If you'd like more information, call 498-9713. Leave your name and phone number and a Pumpkin Patch representative will get back to you.

The Pumpkin Patch isn't the only annual event on the October calendar page. On Oct. 5 and 6, come to Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church (enter through the door under the awning at the northwest corner of the building) for the United Methodist Women's Fall Rummage Sale.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 5, and 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 6, which is the famous "Bag Day." On that day, everything that will fit into one bag, provided by the United Methodist Women, is only \$1.

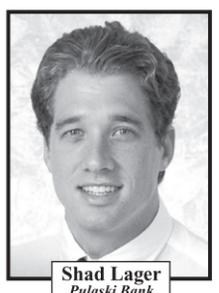
You will find a great assortment of items from clothes to cookware to toys and more! This would be a good opportunity to get a jump on that holiday shopping or to help someone outfit a first apartment. You may even find something for yourself.

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church is located at 2300 Lafayette Ave. Sunday worship times are 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages meet at 9 a.m. The Resale Boutique is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 771-9214 or visit [www.lp-umc.org](http://www.lp-umc.org) for more information.

## Mary 'One' Real Estate Tip of the Month



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## Spooky art on display at 20:08 Gallery

A juried, Halloween-themed art exhibit will be on display from Oct. 12 to Nov. 4 at 20:08 Gallery, located at 2008 Cherokee St., with an opening reception from 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 12.

Featured artists include Aunia Kahn, Garret Roberts, Jane Linders, Mark A. Fisher, Shawn Lipe, Thomas DeClue and Wendy Miles Cope.

Kahn is an internationally known hybrid mixed media artist, musician and graphic and web designer. This year alone, she will have participated in over 45 exhibitions.

Roberts, a self-taught photographer, experiments with toy cameras, antique lenses and alternative processes photography.

Linders is an award-winning photographer who has exhibited her work everywhere from her hometown of St. Louis to the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.

Fisher creates hand-colored images reminiscent of 1940s era postcards, digital abstracts and in this exhibit, sinister digital portraits of carnival chalk figurines in his studio at the Foundry Art Center in St. Charles. He also teaches photography at St. Charles Community College and is a curator for area photographic exhibits.

Lipe has been a St. Louis based glass artist for over 20 years. His fluid sculp-



Image courtesy of 20:08 Gallery

**"The Scarecrow" by Garrett Roberts is on display at 20:08 Gallery.**

tures have been featured in *Design Miami*, *St. Louis' Alive* and *Missouri Life* magazines. Recent St. Louis works include a 100-piece installation at Red restaurant, located on Washington Avenue. He also teaches glassblowing at Third Degree Glass Factory in the Central West End.

DeClue, a veteran photographer and landscape and cityscape specialist, is also the owner and founder of 20:08 Gallery.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Call 772-2008 for more information.

## City dwellers keep hope alive for future of St. Louis

By Kacie Starr-Triplett  
6th Ward Alderman

I guess I was born an optimist. I remember growing up and hearing my grandmother say, "Without hope, you ain't got \_\_\_\_\_." (She was one of those grandmas who rarely minced words.)

All too often we hear the negative things about our city. This city has had the misfortune of being number one in the categories that no one wants to be number one in: poor schools, high crime rates, racial tension, lack of job opportunities.

I can't help chuckling at *Post-Dispatch* columnist Bill McClellan's recent article on being appreciative for best tasting water. Thank God for even the small miracles.

Despite the recent negativity regarding our city, I remain hopeful.

Friends, and even some family members, who have "escaped" the city, debate my decision to remain in St. Louis.

I point to my recent election as the new alderman of the Sixth Ward and the election of Lewis Reed to president of the Board of Aldermen as signs of hope.

"This city is ready for progress," I proclaim. "The people are ready for a change."

The anti-city detractors still remain skeptical.

I ask if they have ventured downtown recently to enjoy the new restaurants and trendy boutiques that line Washington Avenue in the Sixth Ward. I ask if they have taken a stroll through Tower Grove Park, or if they have sipped on a martini at Van Gogh's Martini Bar. I ask if they have attended a football game at Roosevelt High School or purchased a crispy fried chicken dinner from Diner's Delight. I highlight all of the beautiful and affordable housing stock in the city. I mention the great architecture throughout the Sixth Ward and the wonderful diversity and sense of community in our neighborhoods.

"Yes, there is some bad in St. Louis city, but it's not *all* bad," I explain.

I recently announced a \$41.6 million project to revitalize and bring commercial development to the former Praxair site in the Sixth Ward. This plan, brought forth by developers Pete Rothschild and Jeff Winzerling, would create new housing, office and commercial space and bring much needed retail along Chouteau Avenue. This development could have a long-standing impact not just for the Sixth Ward but also for the entire city of St. Louis. I use this as an example to the anti-city folk. New jobs are being created, along with new homes, shops and stores. People are developing and investing their dollars in the city.

I understand the hesitation to completely embrace the city, but only to a certain degree.

The city is imperfect; most cities are. The people that run its day-to-day operations are imperfect as well. The optimism I have for St. Louis is balanced with a healthy dose of realism. With this realism, I have expectations for things to continue to get better. Hope is what fuels those expectations.

I expect the school system to get better, and I expect the racial tension that rears its ugly head at controversy's notice to get better. It is imperative that we must *do* better to reach the level of success that is possible as a city. We have made progress as a community, and we must not turn our back on that progress, but push for more.

Admittedly, sometimes the future of our city seems bleak. Senseless violence occurs, the plights of our poorest and sickest residents seem ignored and poor judgment from those in authority can shake even the staunchest city supporter, yet I refuse to ever lose hope.

I love this city and I love this community. I believe, trust and have hope that this city will reach its full potential. Because, just like grandma said, without hope, you really don't have much.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Gate District resident recognized as influential minority business leader

In the third annual "Most Influential Minority Business Leaders" list picked by the *St. Louis Business Journal*, Cheryl Walker of the Gate District rounds out the class of 2007.

A life-long resident and advocate of the city of St. Louis, Walker, 44, has lived in the Gate District with husband Thomas and 9-year-old son Kamau for nine years. "We have loved seeing the neighborhood grow," she said.

With over 16 years of experience in financial law with Bryan Cave LLP, Walker is currently of counsel with the law firm, allowing her to direct much of her energy to helping run Obasi Enterprises LLC with her husband.

Two Obasi projects are currently in the workings, totaling about \$4.8 million. One is a 10-unit, residential development in the Gate District called the Vivienne on Lafayette. The other is a four-unit townhouse development in Lafayette Square, to be known as the Lloyd on Mackay, which is at the site of a church built in the 1870's.

Walker said that she knew her peers at the Bryan Cave law firm had nominated her for this year's list, but "when I got the call [from the *St. Louis Business Journal*], I was quite pleased," she said.

With a multi-faceted background in electrical engineering and financial law (Walker attended the University of Missouri-Rolla and the Washington University School of Law), Walker said she is happy to "wear two hats" in her career.

"The practice of law is of course near and dear to my heart," she said, adding that working with clients such as real estate developers and financial institutions is what sparked her interest in real estate development. "But I intend to keep going [with both occupations]," she said.

Walker also serves as vice chair of the Board of Curators for the University of Missouri System, is a member of the Tower Grove Park Board of Commissioners and serves on the board of the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

The complete list of influential minority business leaders can be found in the Sept. 14 issue of the *St. Louis Business Journal*.

## Alderman Starr-Triplett selected for ACYPL exchange program

Sixth Ward Alderman Kacie Starr-Triplett has been invited to represent the United States on an international exchange program to Vietnam. The American Council of Young Political Leaders selected Triplett from a pool of several hundred nominees after receiving her nomination from Congressman Russ Carnahan.

"I am excited and humbled to be a part

of this valuable program," Triplett said. "I look forward to forging lasting relationships with other young leaders from the United States and Vietnam."

Starr-Triplett will be part of a seven-member delegation that will travel throughout Vietnam from Oct. 12 to 26. The delegates will meet with national, regional and local political officials, as well as business leaders and other members of the civic community.

The ACYPL has, since 1966, been fostering relations between the next generation of political leaders in the United States and its counterparts around the world. Each year, the ACYPL sends young Americans (aged 25 to 40) on political study tours abroad and organizes reciprocal visits to the United States.

## Marbles Gallery features work of local artist in "Change of Season"

Works by St. Louis artist Terri Shay will be featured at Marbles Gallery, 1905 Park Ave., in "Change of Season," from Oct. 2 through 31, with an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 20.

With every change of season comes the freedom of fresh possibilities — a new array of colors and a reflective wisdom from the past. Shay creates art meant to be an act of giving and receiving in much the same way a garden grows, the tree leaves fall and the sky continuously changes. The combination of organic line, free flow landscape, and geometric shape are the symbols to be interpreted in the painting. Terri explores the intrigue and mysteries of this visual language. The background of a narrative story becomes inherent and present in her work. A space free of strict rules and compli-

ance inspires her art. With this intent comes a place of whimsy, delicate harmonies and childish melodies. Along with a new song comes another "Change of Season."

An illustrator of children's books and art educator, Shay received her Master of Fine Art from Fontbonne University in 2005. She illustrated the award-winning children's book, *It's Raining Whisper*. Her paintings have been exhibited in a number of St. Louis area group and solo art shows. She currently teaches color and design at Saint Louis University in addition to freelance illustration projects.

Marbles Gallery is open from 1 to 3 p.m. on Mondays. Call 621-4744 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## Annual Fall Harvest Party scheduled for Oct. 14

Each year, as the warm breezes of summer give way to the refreshing chill of autumn, and the leaves turn from green to golden hues, the members of the Lafayette Square Community Garden host a fall harvest party. This year, the festivities will occur from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 14, in the community garden, located at the corner of Dolman Street and Park Avenue in historic Lafayette Square.

Attendees (who typically consist of garden members and other residents of the neighborhood) bring assorted home-cooked dishes prepared, in part, from the bountiful fruits, vegetables and herbs raised during the previous season in their garden plots, along with salads and various beverages, breads, desserts, and other food items.

This year, the Lafayette Square community has something especially exciting to celebrate: the imminent acquisition of the land on which the community garden resides from the city of St. Louis. The land will remain a permanent green space in the city, under the auspices of the Gateway Greening Land Trust, with members of the community garden maintaining the prop-

erty and ensuring its continued use as a garden and green space. Bring a dish and a beverage to share, and enjoy!

## Four Muddy Paws hosts pet-friendly Halloween party

Four Muddy Paws is hosting its Third Annual Howlin' Halloween Mutts-querade and BOO!-B-Que Party from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 27. They will have spooky pet treats, people food, fun dog games and a pet costume contest. Proceeds from the BOO!-B-Que will benefit the Wild Canid Survival and Research Center.

The costume contest will be judged on a number of categories including best overall costume, best big and small dog costumes and best guardian-pet combo costume. Visit [www.fourmuddypaws.com](http://www.fourmuddypaws.com) for more details or stop by the shop at 1711 Park Ave.

The Wild Canid Survival and Research Center, popularly known as the Wolf Sanctuary, was founded in 1971 by noted naturalist Dr. Marlin Perkins, his wife Carol and a group of individuals concerned about the plight of canids. It is a private, nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the wolf and other endangered canids through education, research and captive breeding.

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# New development proposed for Praxair site

By Laura McCarthy  
Marquis staff

After announcing last June that it would be moving its industrial gases distribution facility to an existing company property in Cahokia, Ill., Praxair Distribution, Inc. left a vacancy in Lafayette Square that residents have been eager, yet cautious to fill.

On Sept. 4, in an open LSRC development committee meeting, developer Jeff Winzerling, of Universatile Development, Inc., in partnership with Rothschild Development, presented a plan for the former Praxair site to the committee.

The development, to be called the Mackay Quarter of Lafayette Square, would include retail, office and various levels of residential space, which would be completed in three phases.

The development committee voted 7-to-1 in favor of the preliminary plans, which if carried out, could help "change the character of Chouteau, which has always been more of an industrial pass-through ... into more of a boulevard," said Paul Doerner, LSRC development committee chair.

With the understanding that the plans were preliminary, Winzerling invited those in attendance to ask questions and voice concerns, which he said was a vital part of the process for this development.

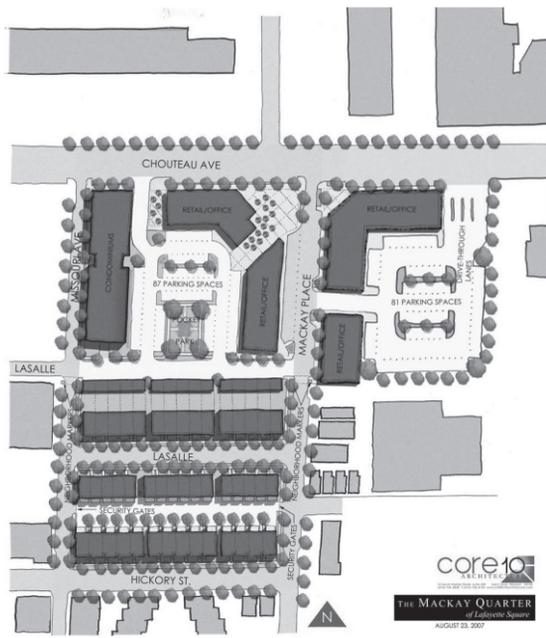
Among compliments and general excitement for the potential development, audience members asked about every detail, "from design to cost, to trash removal," Doerner said. He guessed there were about 50 questions. "Jeff has been good about listening ... and taking input from the neighborhood," he said.

Doerner said at the meeting that the developers were seeking an "OK" on the general direction of the project, "not necessarily precise details.

The layout of the plan includes retail space along Chouteau Avenue and Mackay Place, with parking on the street and in the rear, and single-family town homes in several rows along Hickory and LaSalle streets, which would create a new extension of LaSalle eastward and "reestablish the street grid," Winzerling said.

Phase I would consist of single-family townhouse units along Hickory Street and a new extension of LaSalle Street, and Phase II would be retail and office space along Chouteau and south along Mackay Place. Winzerling said Phase III, which would consist of condos along Missouri Ave., would be contingent on the success of the first two phases.

Architect for the project, Tyler Stephens, of Core 10 Architecture, said he has been studying different areas of the neighborhood in hopes to "pay



A rendering of the proposed plan for the former Praxair site along Chouteau Avenue and Mackay Place.

homage" to its historic characteristics rather than copy them.

Square resident and business owner Julie Padberg-White expressed her desire to see variations in the designs of the town homes. She said that part of what makes the Square so unique is a certain amount of randomness in architecture and details.

"I think [residents]

are also concerned about the density of new development," Doerner said. Several audience members at the Sept. 4 meeting raised concerns about more "for sale" signs in the neighborhood.

"We have an advantage from the nature of what we are selling," Winzerling said, referring to the advantage of selling high-quality housing units in a desirable neighborhood. "But at the same time, we don't want to rush into a market that's over-built," he said, explaining why the condos would be in the last phase of the development.

"It's interesting real estate ... Lafayette Square is the best urban fabric in the city," Winzerling said.

Doerner said he is particularly excited

at the prospect of this development. "It takes a site that has no aesthetic appeal to the neighborhood and puts buildings [in]," he said, adding that he thinks the neighborhood will "dramatically benefit."

Development committee member April Breeden, who was appointed chair of the Praxair task force in 2005, said, "We have to consider what's there now," referring to the remnants of Praxair and recent problems such as graffiti in the area.

Breeden said that while residents should not be satisfied with just anything to fill the void, she said she believes Winzerling and Rothschild "have done a good job thus far keeping the development committee and the neighborhood informed about their plans for the property."

Breeden also said that she feels it is crucial that the developers continue to update neighbors as the design details are fleshed out.

Based on what they have presented to the neighborhood so far, "they seem to have a good understanding of the historic code, which will be important moving forward," she said.

Winzerling said that despite so much excitement, "there are still lots of moving pieces."

Among those are traffic and circulation concerns, for which a separate meeting is being scheduled.

Doerner said he understands that the developers want to make sure they have the right backing from the neighborhood and the city before they proceed with the project, and he said he hopes to have the opportunity to view future plans and to be informed of future meetings with the developers and the city.



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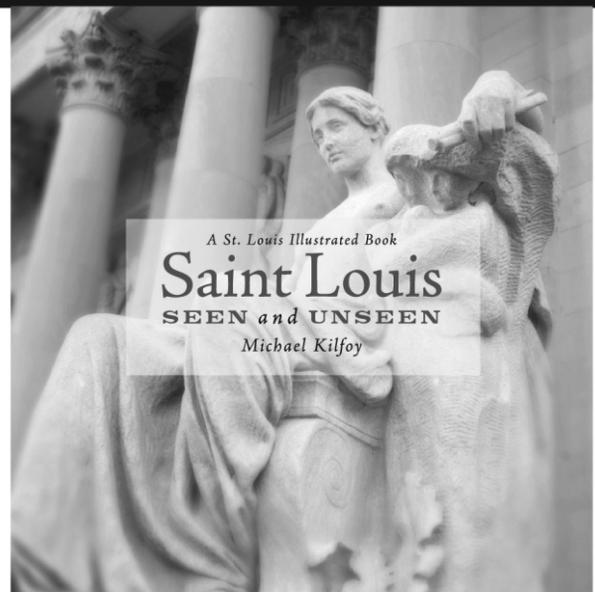
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# A Walker's World

by Melanie Harvey

## A walk around a larger Square reveals more history

A walk around the perimeter of Lafayette Park offers a mile of exquisite Victorian architecture (some new, some old). Walking a larger square presents a wider view of the history and development of the neighborhood, for better and worse.

Begin at the bus stop at Park Avenue and Benton Place. Benton Place is a private street that was laid out in 1868 and is one of the few ovals on the St Louis grid. The beautifully restored homes on this 1/3-mile circuit display how some of the city's wealthiest citizens lived when our expanding industrial economy made St Louis the fourth-largest city in the country.

Walk west on Park Avenue to Mackay Place, then turn right. As you walk downhill away from Lafayette Park, the homes become smaller and less grand, although still carefully crafted. New construction blends in style and scale with the old. Watch on your left for the old limestone building (now incorporated into a home), which predates the urban development of the area.

Turn right on Hickory Street. On your right is an immense stone wall below Benton Place, marking the southern edge of Schnaider's Beer Garden and Brewery, which began in the 1870's.

On your left is the immense shoe factory built for Roberts, Johnson and Rand, which began in 1903. St Louis was once the nation's leading manufacturer of shoes, providing thousands of jobs.

For Lafayette Square, originally a secluded enclave, this factory represented a decline in property values. Today the factory is adaptively preserved as an apartment complex with offices and fine dining.

Turn left on Mississippi Avenue down the hill to Chouteau Avenue. The former Schnaider Malt House, north of Chouteau, is now a restaurant and reception center offering a rooftop bar with views of downtown and the former Mill Creek Valley, ahead of you and to your left.

Mill Creek disappeared at least 200 years ago, when it was dammed for a flourmill near the original settlement of St Louis. The resulting 100-acre

lake, known as Chouteau's Pond, was a rural retreat for early city residents. By the mid-19th century, it was severely polluted, contributing to cholera epidemics. The lake was drained and an underground sewer system was created. Railroads were built over that, making Mill Creek Valley the industrial spine of westward-expanding St. Louis.

Today, railroads and MetroLink still use the "valley;" future plans include a new 16-acre lake with greenways for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Turn right on Chouteau Avenue. On your left, the 20th-century corporate buildings typify suburban development with their wide spacing surrounded by parking lots. On your right, a mixture of residential, retail and industrial structures reveal the growth and change of previous development. Be sure to look up to find the Kuenstler-Verein, a German artists' club of 19th-century St Louis. Continue to the new Eden Lofts, a 1929 Art Deco addition to the former Eden Publishing Company.

Turn right on Dolman Street to go uphill again. Walk to the church built in 1872 for the Episcopal congregation of St John. Look for the granite cornerstone that doesn't match the rest of the structure: this building became home to Ruthenian Greek Catholics a century ago. The mosaic over the door is a reminder of this "ethnic" phase of a portion of the neighborhood.

Today, St Mary's Assumption is a Catholic Church offering services in Latin.

Turn right at Park Avenue to complete your wider square. You will be in the lively shopping and dining area of the Lafayette neighborhood. Across the street, a new fountain surrounded by walkways and benches offers a resting place.

Complete a 1.5-mile square with a return to the bus stop, or add to your square by walking south to make new discoveries.

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# Fall inspires eco-responsibility

By Jeanette Mott Oxford  
State Representative, 59th District

I have become increasingly concerned about global warming and the damage to our environment caused by our society's ever-escalating use of fossil fuels and other non-renewable resources.

With cold weather coming on, it's a good time to think about energy efficiency. By saving energy, we both protect our environment and save dollars. It's a win-win for our family budget and for Mother Earth.

Here are some tips that I gathered from the Earth 911 website:  
<http://earth911.org/>

- In the winter, turn your thermostats down to 68 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. Reduce the setting to 55 F before going to sleep or when leaving for the day. (For each degree you turn down the thermostat in the winter, you'll save up to five percent on your heating costs.)

- Turn off and unplug non-essential lights and appliances. The electricity generated by fossil fuels for a single home puts more carbon dioxide into the air than two average automobiles.

- Buy Energy Star appliances, products and lights. Energy Star is a program of the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency designed to help consumers identify energy-efficient appliances and products.

- Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as recommended for the model you are using.

- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators as needed — make sure furniture, carpeting, or drapes do not block them.

- Bleed trapped air from hot-water radiators once or twice a season — if in doubt about how to perform this task, call a professional.

- Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radiators.

- Use kitchen, bath and other ventilating fans wisely; in just one hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warmed (or cooled) air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done the job.

- During the heating season, keep the draperies and shades on your south-facing windows open during the day to allow sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.

- Finally, in winter, close an unoccupied room that is isolated from the rest of the house, and turn down the thermostat or turn off the heating for that room or zone. However, do not turn the heating off if it adversely affects the rest of your system. For example, if you heat your house with a heat pump, do not close the vents — closing the vents could harm the heat pump.

Remember the Native American proverb: The Earth does not belong to us. We borrow it from our children.

On a personal note, I am planning to have a total knee replacement surgery on Sept. 25.

Rehabilitation of my knee (which was injured and required a previous surgery in 2001) will take a few weeks, so I may not respond as quickly in early October as I normally do. I do plan to work from home, responding to phone calls and e-mails just as soon as I am able. I welcome your healing thoughts and prayers!

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# Vin de Set chef offers tasty ratatouille recipe

By Sandra Zak  
Soulard Market

One of the few repeat chefs in our classic Chefs at the Market is Ivy Magruder.

This free Soulard Market program features some of the best chefs in St. Louis. With all of the wonderful restaurants in the city, we try to feature new or different restaurants every year.

Chef Magruder wowed us in the summer of 2004 with Eleven Eleven Mississippi, his Northern California-meets-Tuscany restaurant. Last year Wendy and Paul Hamilton, along with Chef Magruder opened Vin de Set, featuring food from Southern France with an American twist. Needless to say, the food is wonderful and the restaurant is delightful.

This year, Chef Magruder demonstrated a quick and easy, healthy and really tasty ratatouille. It is a multitalented dish that can be an appetizer, a side dish or an entrée.

Ratatouille can be served over rice, pasta, or on top of your favorite meat or fish. Hot or cold, it tastes great and some feel it's even better the second day. It can be prepared ahead of time and takes only 15 minutes. Although this recipe suggests tuna tartar, Chef Magruder explained that ratatouille is so versatile it can stand alone or be combined with any of our favorite proteins such as chicken, beef, seafood, etc. Enjoy!

## Ratatouille

Serves four (as an appetizer)

12 ounces of tuna (the best you can find), diced, tartar  
1 zucchini, diced  
1 eggplant, diced  
1 shallot, finely diced  
1 clove, garlic, minced  
1 red pepper, charred, peeled and diced  
3 ripe tomatoes, diced  
small bunch of finely chopped basil  
small handful of chervil, finely chopped  
olive oil  
salt and pepper to taste  
lemon juice

Sauté eggplant, zucchini and garlic in a healthy amount of olive oil over medium-high heat; season with salt and pepper to taste.

Add tomatoes, red pepper and shallot and cook for five minutes; remove from heat and fold in basil. Transfer to bowl and let cool in fridge. Adjust seasoning as needed.

Season the tuna with salt and pepper, a touch of olive oil, lemon juice, and the chopped chervil. Serve tartar on top of serving of ratatouille.



Photo courtesy of April Breeden

Urban Health Initiative members: (from left) Jeanna Jackson of Take Action Personal Training; Dr. Crystal Peairs of Lafayette Square Chiropractic; April Breeden of Juice Plus+; Karen Jones of Marbles Yoga Studio; and Lisa Stillman of GardenWalk Massage Therapy.

## Urban Health Fair

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what their wellness options are, so they can make consistent choices that will improve their overall quality of life.

### Urban health and wellness present unique challenges

Health and wellness in urban areas present unique challenges and opportunities that are currently inspiring volumes in professional medical journals and literature.

For example, people in cities must deal with increased air, noise and, in some cases, water pollution. Fruits and vegetables are vital to health, but it is difficult to grow your own produce in an urban environment. (Though, increasingly, urban community gardens like the one in Lafayette Square are changing this reality.) In addition, there is often an increased incidence of violent crime and

automobile accidents.

On the flip side, organic foods and health-focused grocers are much easier to find in metropolitan areas than in rural ones. Hospitals in large cities frequently have access to more advanced technology and renowned medical teams that may be lacking in "small town" America.

More education about, and acceptance of, the various minority groups that converge in our nations' cities likely means that these populations are better served than in areas where populations are more isolated.

Keeping all these things in mind, the Urban Health Fair and Market seeks to inspire everyone, especially city residents, to lead lives that are more fulfilling, balanced and fun!

Consider this question: What does "wellness" mean to you? Do you want more of it in your life? If so, the Urban Health Initiative encourages you to join us on Oct. 20 and discover how transformational living a wellness lifestyle can be!

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### 9 A.M.

- Elizabeth Gentry Sayad, *A Yankee in Creole Country*
- Maureen Hoessle, *Under Three Flags*
- Dr. John Oldani, *Sweetness Preserved*
- Holly Drago and Jill Phillips, *Hermann's Haunts*

### 11 A.M.

- Joe Pollack and Ann Lemons Pollack, *The Great St. Louis Eats Book*
- Dan Dillon, *So, Where' You Go to High School? The Baby Boomer Edition*

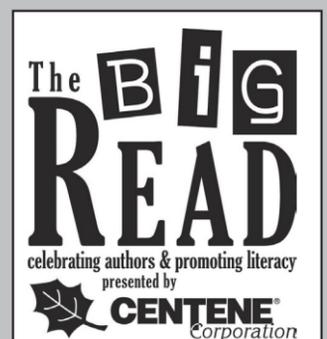
### 1 P.M.

- Michael Kilfoy, *St. Louis Seen & Unseen*
- Ann Hazelwood, *100 Best Kept Secrets of Missouri*
- Kevin Amsler, *Final Resting Place*

### 3 P.M.

- Diane Rademacher, *Still Shining*
- Dr. Andrew Theising, *Made in USA*

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# September LSRC membership meeting minutes

## LSRC Membership Meeting September 11, 2007

President Dane Drefke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and amended as follows:

**Lafayette Park Playground Expansion** - Second sentence: conservancy was replaced with Lafayette Park Master Plan, and the last sentence changed to: Everyone agrees there is a problem and needs to be addressed immediately, so the quarterly meeting of the Lafayette Park Implementation Advisory Committee will meet on Wed. Sept 12th at 4 p.m. at the Park House.

After the minutes were amended, a motion was made and seconded to accept the August minutes.

New residents: one couple introduced

themselves to the membership.

Sign up sheets were sent around the room for volunteers for the Holiday House Tour.

Since today was the sixth anniversary of 9-11, President Drefke asked for a moment of silence for the victims of 9-11.

Special guest: Jill Hamilton, St. Louis Recycling Program Manager, presented to the membership the recycling program for the city. Ms. Hamilton reviewed the many ways of reducing, reusing and recycling of materials. She brought brochures and pamphlets about the ways to make recycling easier and for residents to find the right places to dispose of recycled items.

### Committee reports

**Safety** - Don Owens advised there is

no update to the problem properties, but there is going to be a meeting on Sept. 18 with the city attorneys to discuss the problem properties.

Lafayette Square has a new police officer in the neighborhood; he is Officer Brian Min, a veteran of 14 years. Please give him a Lafayette Square welcome when you see him.

A meeting was held about the gas station at the corner of Lafayette and Jefferson avenues. The group was from Lafayette Square and Alderman Starr-Triplett, Officer McLaughlin and Mr. Ryan McNutt of Midwest Petroleum. The group talked about what needs to be done to make the station safe for people. Mr. McNutt advised all of the pay phones except one have been removed from the station's property. The "No Loitering" signs have been replaced with "No Trespassing" signs. A full-time

security guard will be present and two more security cameras will be put on the outside of the building.

**Finances** - Susan Sauer gave a financial report of our checking and savings accounts.

**Development** - Paul Doerner advised that at the Cultural Resource meeting last month, the Vail Place development was tabled for a month because of a density issue.

The Praxair property development meeting was held at Squires Annex. After a one-and-a-half-hour discussion about the development, the group voted 7-to-1 in favor of the preliminary site plans for the development.

Park Avenue development: two-row houses are being developed on the property east of Arcelia's Restaurant.

## RSVP for Gala at the Grotto

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd love to attend the 3rd Annual Gala at the Grotto.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ tickets for me at \$65 each.

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**\$150 HISTORIAN**  
Lafayette Park Conservancy t-shirt

**\$300 PRESERVATIONIST**  
set of Lafayette Park notecards

**\$500 BENTON SOCIETY**  
two tickets to the "Gala in the Grotto" event

**\$1000 LAFAYETTE SOCIETY**  
walking tour of Lafayette Park and tea service for up to 20 guests

A new development at Park Avenue and Dolman Street: a business is going to build a two-story building on the site.

Cultural Resource's next meeting will discuss the developments at Vail Place and Park Avenue.

At the LSRC board meeting, there was a discussion about how to bring updates and changes to the historic code to the membership. The thought was to take the five most important issues and bring them one at a time to the membership meeting for discussion.

Piper Properties: (sign at the corner of Mississippi and Park avenues) has appeared before the TIF Board to see if they can acquire the mini park property. They are planning a three-story building.

Sue Sessions made a presentation about the Vail Place development. There are issues with the density, zoning and sewer lines under the property. Cultural Resources will vote on the density issue at their next meeting.

**Community Affairs** - Rachel Witt met with some volunteers at the 33 Wine Bar to discuss ideas about what kind of questions should be asked on the upcoming survey. Questions will be about what residents want to see happen in the neighborhood. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 at Square One Brewery.

**Membership** - Dave Diehl reported the membership at 291.

**LSBA** - Pete Snyder thanked everyone for attending The Taste of Lafayette Square, even though the weather did not cooperate.

**Park Conservancy** - Tim Gore

advised the Gala at the Grotto will be held on Oct.13 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Ward Bunkner advised the stands for the urns that go on the bridge over the grotto are finished and should be back on the bridge tomorrow.

Carolyn Willmore advised the conservancy has applied for a matching grant to help repair the Benton Statue. There also will be a joint effort to celebrate the life of the first female sculptor, Harriet Hosmer, with Washington University. This project is in the planning stages, but there will be a symposium and gala planned for next May 23-24. The Benton Statue was dedicated on May 27, 1868. Also, next February will be the 100th anniversary of Harriet Hosmer's death.

**Neighborhood Beautification** - Linda Weiner advised that October and November will be the time for planting trees, trees and more trees along Truman Parkway and Jefferson Avenue. Volunteers will be needed.

**Old business**

**The community garden** - Offer to purchase the garden was submitted; it's on the LRA agenda for Sept 26. Special Guest: Gateway Greening Director Gwenne Hayes Stewart and Ann Carr of the Gateway Greening Board. Ms. Stewart gave the membership a description of what Gateway Greening land trust is about. A newly formed land trust, it may be ideal for stewardship of our community garden. After much discussion about the community garden and Gateway Greening, a motion was made as follows: "The LSRC member-

ship desires the board of directors to place the Community Garden in the Gateway Greening Land Trust should the property successfully be purchased from the City of St. Louis."

The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously.

**New business**

Nominations for the 2007-2008 LSRC officer positions:

Board of directors at large: Chuck Jung, Stephen Fichet, Larry Dodd  
Secretary, board of directors: Jessica Miller

Secretary, membership: Ann Horner  
V.P. Community Affairs: Rachel Witt  
V. P. Treasure-elect: Susan Linhardt  
V. P. Development-elect: Mark Etling  
V. P. Development: Keith Houghton  
Vice President, President-elect: Greg Yin

\* Development committee seat at large (through October 2009) Pete Peters

Non-elected position of Welcome

Committee Chairperson is needed.

President Drefke advised since there were no other nominations, the nominations are now closed and the nominees will be voted on at the Oct. 9 membership meeting.

To vote, you must be a paid member for 2007.

**Announcements**

April Breeden advised there will be an Urban Health Fair and Market held on Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Urban Park and parking lot at 18th Street and Chouteau Avenue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Approximately 100 people attended the meeting. The social was hosted by the Ponders.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Diehl  
Membership Secretary

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

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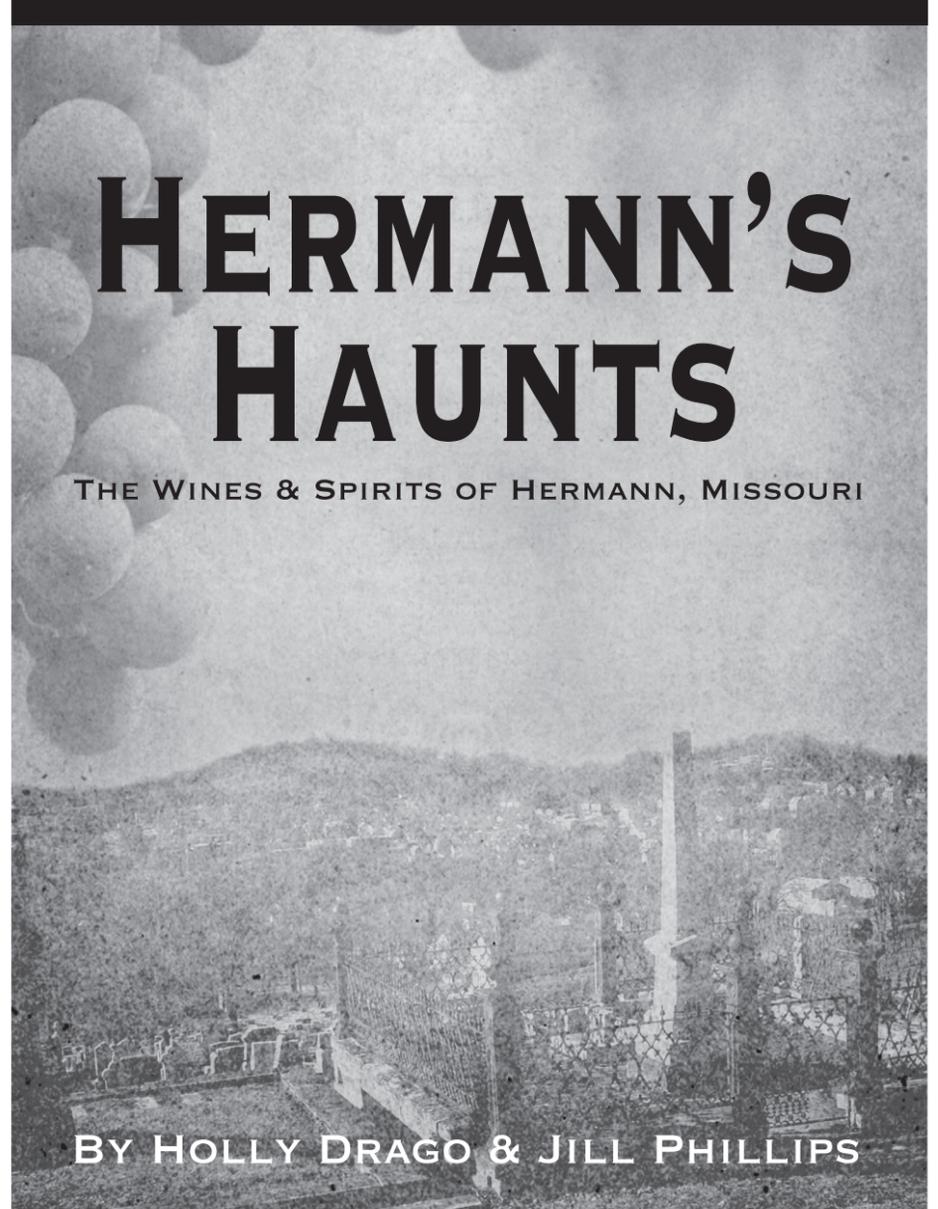
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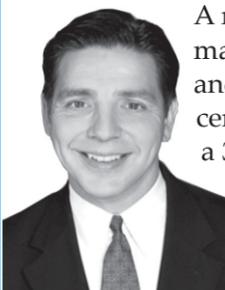


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**2921 S. 18TH ST. \$219,000**  
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**2334 HICKORY \$179,900**

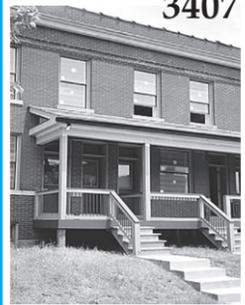
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