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Welcome home:

Gilded Age's newest construction, The Union Club, provides a highly visible anchor on a once-neglected corner.

By Laura McCarthy
Marquis staff

One of the most highly visible corners of Lafayette Square has a new, historically reminiscent structure. The Union Club, at the corner of Lafayette and Jefferson avenues, is visible from almost every side, including the one that faces Interstate 44, making it a new showpiece of the neighborhood. The prominent location is one that developer Chris Goodson, principal and co-founder of Gilded Age (with Trace Shaughnessy), took into careful consideration when embarking upon this residential and commercial project.

Originally a Romanesque-style building that served as a social club around the turn of the century, the Union Club building was destroyed by the tornado of 1896, but was rebuilt and subsequently torn down to make way for a grocery store in the 1950s.

Gilded Age, purchased the vacant building about three years ago and sought to create a historic replica of the original Union Club, complete with Roman arches and a turret that serves as spacious terraces for corner units. Each unit in the newly completed structure has either a terrace or a balcony with far-reaching views of the city or views of the courtyard. Gilded Age partnered with St. Louis-based design firm the Lawrence Group and BSI Constructors, Inc. for the project.

The \$13 million development features 39 condos on floors two through four, with commercial space and parking on

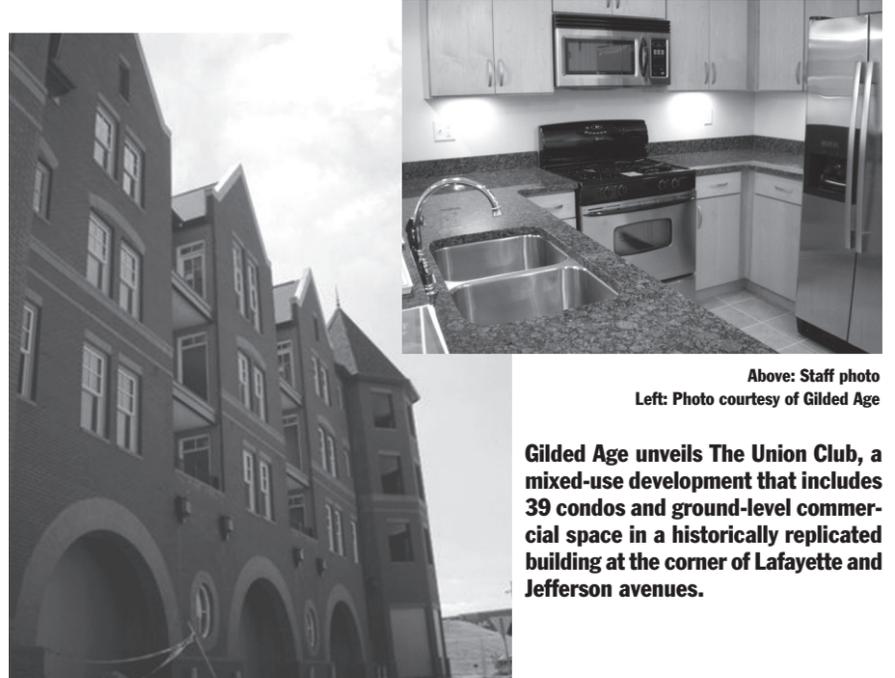
the first level.

Construction should be complete by the end of October, Goodson said. Only the customized finishing touches will remain in the units, which are priced between \$210,000 and \$290,000, "A nice entry point," for young buyers, Goodson said. He said the commercial space on the first level is designed for a restaurant and that currently a bakery and café is being considered as a possible tenant.

"The goal was to continue the walkable flavor of Lafayette Square," said Goodson. He said they decided to put the building back at street level, the way it was originally laid out. With the historic charm of Lafayette Square at arm's length and its close proximity to Interstate 44, Goodson said they sought to make Union Club as convenient as possible, both in terms of driving and walking.

"We've had a lot of interest from female [buyers]," who seem to be especially drawn to the convenience and safety of enclosed, controlled-access parking. He said they are primarily drawing interest from young professionals, but also those with changing lifestyles like empty nesters.

"You need density to create vibrancy in the city," Goodson said. He added that they have been lucky to avoid many pitfalls of the sluggish economy and real estate market, largely because "we have a unique product in a historic district." And although they received some Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the project, Goodson acknowledged that developers



Above: Staff photo
Left: Photo courtesy of Gilded Age

Gilded Age unveils The Union Club, a mixed-use development that includes 39 condos and ground-level commercial space in a historically replicated building at the corner of Lafayette and Jefferson avenues.

have recently had to get more creative with financing for projects as bank loans become more difficult to acquire. And without access to historic tax credits, new construction can be especially difficult for city developers to finance, Goodson added.

The Union Club comes in the midst of several other Gilded Age developments in the Square at various stages of completion, including Phase II of The Georgian development, which occupies the former City Hospital complex on Lafayette Avenue at Truman Parkway. At press time, 88 out of 104 condo units have been sold in Phase I of the development, which occupies the main building facing Lafayette Avenue. Goodson said Phase II involves a new banquet center to be called the Park Avenue Palladium, which would incorporate the relocation of locally owned Butler's Pantry Catering. The complex's old laundry facility — a building that Goodson said will make for a unique and attractive venue — is set to transform into

the new banquet space.

Also on deck for Gilded Age is the much-anticipated Georgian Square development, slated for the empty lot across Lafayette Avenue from City Hospital. Goodson said the sluggish economy and real estate market, including the shifting around of possible tenants, has temporarily stalled the development but that a Walgreens is in the works, which he said would open the door for more tenants, possibly an upscale grocery store as originally proposed early in 2007. Goodson said Gilded Age and partner Koman Properties hope to break ground on the Walgreens by the end of the month or early November, but that the development as a whole would be completed in various phases to allow for adjustments to market conditions.

"We've been trying to fill in holes around the neighborhood," Goodson said, adding that the Union Club, The Georgian and Georgian Square are big steps in the right direction.

New initiative keeps jobs in 6th Ward

By Kacie Starr Triplett
6th Ward Alderman

As a life long resident of our community, I have witnessed the many dramatic changes in the 6th Ward. For instance, where empty and desolate storefront build-

ings once sat are now vibrant, unique shops and tasty restaurants. Blocks that once served as fertile ground for gangs, graffiti and abandonment are now restored thanks to the emergence of new families purchasing new construction or opting for adventures via the channel of historic rehabs.

This progress of our community has shuffled in new families, new ideas and renewed vitality, however, we must not forget those "pioneers" who were here from the very beginning and remember what our neighborhood used to be like. In order to make sure that development is perceived as a positive impact on our ward, it is important to me to make sure that development



Alderman Kacie Starr Triplett

in our neighborhood is inclusive and reflective of our community.

The "Build Locally Hire Locally Initiative" was created to ensure that residents of this community have the opportunity to participate in the progress and development of our ward. With this initiative consisting of collaboration between the unions, contractors and the city; job training and employment will

be available for neighborhood residents interested in working on construction projects in the 6th Ward. Eligible residents who pass drug test screening, are over 18 years and pass a general entrance exam, will sign letters of intent with the local unions and begin an

apprenticeship program with onsite job training in the 6th Ward.

The success of this program depends largely on motivated ward residents willing to work hard, learn a trade and represent our community on various construction projects in the ward and throughout city.

If you know someone over the age of 18 years, a high school graduate and a ward resident who is interested in the construction trades, please have them send a resume or a brief description of work experience to my office at 1200 Market St., Room 230, St. Louis, Mo. 63103. Candidates may also send materials via email at Triplettk@stlouiscity.com

It is my hope that through this initiative, residents will have a continued stake in the economic development of our community and not feel left out or worse — left behind. Having residents who work and live in our community serves as a double blessing in aiding the tremendous strength and vitality that encompass our neighborhoods. Stay tuned for more information regarding this wonderful new initiative.

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

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LSRC changes hands with October elections

By Pete Snyder
LSRC President

The September LSRC General Membership meeting featured nominations for the next board, which takes office after our October elections.

We are still looking for a V.P. / president-elect, but all other positions have volunteers. The nominees include: J. Watson Scott ("Scott"), V.P.-elect development; Liz Lohman, V.P. community affairs; Steven Mann, treasurer-elect; Jeff Jensen, membership secretary; Jessica Miller (for a second term as) board secretary; and at-large board members (serving until October 2010) David Gratz, Roy Peterson and Chris Westmeyer.

These folks will join our continuing board members, including Don Terrill, president; Mark Etling, V.P. development; Sue Linhardt, treasurer and at-large board members Chuck Jung, Steve Fichet, and Larry Dodd. I will stay on the board as past president.

Leaving the board following the October general membership meeting are: V.P. development, Keith Houghton; V.P. community affairs, Rachel Witt; treasurer, Sue Bauer; membership secretary, Ann Horner; and at-large board members Terry Linhardt, Dave Diehl, and Pete Peters. I want to thank these board members for their invaluable contributions.

If you are interested in the open V.P. / president-elect slot or know of someone that might be interested, please notify me (PeteS@Snyder-Workman.com) or Don Terrill (d.terrell@sbcglobal.net). It is vital that someone step up into this role.

The September LSRC meeting also had nominations for the development committee. New to the committee are at-large members Terry Linhardt and Chelia Holmes (serving until October 2010), and as mentioned above, J. Watson Scott as V.P.-elect. They will join continuing development committee members Mark Etling, V.P.; Keith Houghton, past-V.P.; Urban Plan chair, Michael Lance; and at-large member Pete Peters.

Leaving the development committee are past-V.P., Paul Doerner; and at-large

members Kevin Bohnenstiehl and April Breeden. I want to thank these individuals for their commitment to this very important committee (which helps to preserve the neighborhood's historic character) over the past couple of years.

There are so many ways in which Lafayette Square residents can get involved in this neighborhood. If joining the LSRC board isn't your thing, please consider helping out on one of our standing or ad-hoc committees, including beautification, community affairs, membership, safety, welcoming and the Holiday and Spring house tour committees.

Another way to get involved is to become a "block captain" and keep your immediate neighbors abreast of neighborhood happenings. Or you could join one of the other organizations that serve Lafayette Square, such as the Arts Council of Lafayette Park, the Lafayette Park Conservancy or the Lafayette Square Business Association.

There is so much to do and see in Lafayette Square, but none of it occurs without volunteers. You owe it to yourself to get involved.

LSRC Notes

- The LSRC Awards Presentation will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Lafayette Square community pool. It will feature a "Taste of Lafayette Square" and include small samplings from our neighborhood's eating establishments. Beer and wine will be served. A surprise guest singer will perform. This event is open to LSRC members only, but you can join at the door for \$10.

- The 2008 - 2009 Neighborhood Directories are available for pick up by block captains at the Park House. Best times to get them are the first or third Tuesday nights (after 7 p.m.) at the Park House. Quantities will also be available at the October LSRC general membership meeting.

- The October after-meeting social will be hosted by Sue Ferrario and Alan Loehr, 1812 Lafayette Ave., immediately following the general membership meeting.

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Pumpkin Patch returns to LPUMC

By Debra Crowe
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

The sunny, cool days of autumn are upon us, and the weather is just perfect for the Pumpkin Patch at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church. Now in its fifth year, the patch will feature a variety of pumpkins, as well as beautiful gourds and colorful corn for decorating your home for the season.

The Pumpkin Patch premieres on Oct. 12 and will be open daily until Oct. 31. On Oct. 18, join us for Family Fun Day. There will be games, face painting and food.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a great day outdoors while you visit with neighbors and find the perfect pumpkins for carving, painting — or pies! These are high quality cooking pumpkins that are as wonderful in recipes for your kitchen table as they are for Jack-o-lanterns for your front porch. Don't miss what has become a Lafayette Park neighborhood tradition.

The United Methodist Women are hosting the Fall Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 3 and 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 4. Whether you're looking for clothes for adults or kids, books for all ages, household or decorative items, you'll find it — and at a price that can't be beat. For the best selection, plan to arrive early.

Saturday is Bag Day at the rummage sale. All items that fit into one bag (provided at the sale) are just \$1! At a time when the Dow is falling and prices are rising, this is one event you just can't afford to pass up. The rummage sale is in Fellowship Hall on the lower level. Enter through the door under the blue awning on the north side of the church, facing Lafayette Avenue.

The kids aren't the only ones who recently started back to school. In late September, Sunday school classes resumed, and there's something for kids of all ages, and adults, too.

All classes meet in rooms off Fellow-

ship Hall, on the lower level of the church, and run from 9 to 9:50 a.m. For more information about SS classes, please call the church and speak with Pastor Sharon.

September also saw the launch of a new contemporary worship service. Utilizing light and sound technology, as well as more modern music, this service is for those seeking something with a little less structure and a little more energy. If this appeals to you, please join us as we grow and develop this 8 a.m. service.

LPUMC will sponsor a Volunteers In Mission team to Juarez, Mexico, Oct. 11 through 17. During that week, the team will build a home for a family currently living in a dwelling made of wood pallets and cardboard and will visit a children's orphanage and a medical clinic for low-income individuals and families.

Following is a list of items that will help the team make their trip a success: jump ropes, Frisbees, soccer balls and other balls of all sizes, hair clips, barrettes, ribbons, puzzles, coloring books, dolls, bottles of bubbles, sidewalk chalk, crayons, school supplies, craft/art supplies, pens and pencils, combs, brushes, compact mirrors, tooth brushes and toothpaste, medical supplies and medications for clinic, sewing essentials (fabric, needles, buttons, elastic and fasteners), small toys and games, stuffed animals, watches and bracelets, Bible school materials, clean, gently used baby and children's clothing and geriatric items and slippers for residents of nursing homes.

If you'd like to contribute, please contact team leader Nancy at 965-9231. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for supporting this most worthwhile effort with your generosity.

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

Home health, renewable energy on Nov. 4 ballot

By Jeanette Mott Oxford
State Representative, 59th District

Five ballot measures will be decided along with national and state offices in the Nov. 4 election. Here are some details about Proposition B and Proposition C, which I have endorsed:

Proposition B would create a Missouri Quality Homecare Council, an 11-member public authority to ensure the availability and improve the quality of home care services by recruiting, training and stabilizing the personal care attendant workforce.

The council would consist of a majority of governor-appointed consumers and consumer advocates, providing them with a real voice to improve the home care system in Missouri and would fall under the Department of Health and Senior Services.

The Quality Home Care Council would recommend minimum qualifications and offer voluntary training for workers. It would also prepare Missouri's long term care system for future growth and help contain Medicaid costs. In addition, it would allow workers to have a voice in the system through a union, if they elect to do so.

Similar councils have been created in several other states with positive results. Academic studies of one state's program found that workforce turnover fell 57 percent over a five-year period. The supply of workers also increased by 54 percent, and consumers reported greater satisfaction with services following the wage and benefit improvements.

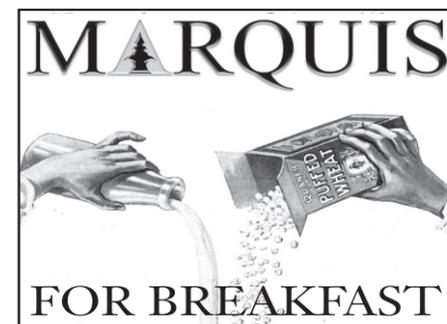
Proposition C is the Clean Energy Initiative, which would require Missouri investor-owned electric utilities (Ameren, Empire, Aquila, and KCP&L) to get 15 percent of their electricity from renewable

sources by 2021. Renewables are defined as clean sources of energy like wind, solar, landfill gas, biomass and small hydroelectric projects. According to Missouri Coalition for the Environment, 26 states have passed a similar policy often known as a Renewable Electricity Standard (RES). Instead, Missouri has a voluntary standard that does not hold utilities accountable to use clean energy.

Currently, 86 percent of Missouri's electricity comes from coal, and pollution from these plants has been linked to asthma and lung disease. Coal-fired power plants are also the biggest contributor to climate change, so finding cleaner ways to produce electricity is very important to our planet's future.

Are you saying, "Sounds good, but what will it cost me?" The other states with this policy have not experienced rate increases. Instead, diversifying the power supply by developing America's homegrown renewable energy resources can help shield consumers from spikes in energy prices over time. And there's an insurance policy for voters in the ballot language — the Clean Energy Initiative includes a 1 percent rate increase cap.

I urge you to vote yes on both Proposition B and C.



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News Briefs

Vino Vitae hosts St. Louis book release

Join St. Louis author Patricia Corrigan from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 1 at Moulin Events, 2017 Chouteau Ave., for the release of her new book, *Eating St. Louis: The Gateway City's Unique Food Culture*. The ticketed event includes complimentary food and drink, a \$5-off coupon for the purchase of the book and a presentation by Corrigan, a former food and restaurant critic of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and author of 15 books.

Eating St. Louis serves up stories and photos, both past and present, of the places, people and comestibles that have come to define and feed our fair city. Corrigan interviewed more than 130 individuals to learn little-known tales about local restaurants, food manufacturers, grocers and specialty food shops.

Reservations for the event can be made by calling 241-7799 or by visiting www.brownpapertickets.com/event/44134.

Vino Vitae turns one

In celebration of its one-year anniversary, Vino Vitae, at 1637 S. 18th St., will be hosting a special wine tasting and fundraising event from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 25.

The event, a "Celebration of Harvest," marks the beginning of an annual tradition at Vino Vitae. "As we welcome back our regular guests and anyone who has not had a chance to visit lately, we wish to raise a toast to the success of this past year and anticipate the upcoming holidays and a new year," said Craig Adams, owner of the gourmet wine shop.

The event will feature entertainment, classes, a grand tasting with suppliers, a raffle and auction. "Most importantly about this event is the chance to share good times with friends," Adams said.

Part of an important mission here at Vino Vitae to share our success and give back to the community, Adams has chosen, due to his past battle with cancer, to promote the Lance Armstrong Foundation. He will donate 100 percent of net proceeds collected at the event to the foundation. Visit www.standup2cancer.org and search for the team name Vino Vitae for more information and to join his team to Stand Up 2 Cancer.

Adams is currently welcoming donations for the auction. Call 771-8466 for more information.

Fox Park hosts BYOB Bingo Night

The Fox Park Neighborhood Associa-

tion presents a night of prizes, fun and bingo with its first-ever Bingo Night. Coming on the heels of a successful Trivia Night earlier this year, FPNA President Ian Simmons said they "Wanted to keep the ball rolling" by hosting a bingo night.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Koken Art Factory, 2500 Ohio Ave. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own beverages. Cost is \$15 at the door, and proceeds go towards ongoing projects with the neighborhood association, including implementation of a park plan, additional banners and neighborhood signage, a neighborhood newsletter and expanding the existing historic district into the southern portion of the neighborhood, among others.

"The location is great, and the B.Y.O.B. aspect makes it interesting — and affordable," Simmons said.

Call 258-2517 for more information or to make reservations, which are appreciated, but not required.

'Chalk it up' at Benton Park

The Benton Park Neighborhood Association welcomes artists, non-artists, art lovers, families and children to the 10th annual Benton Park Chalk Art event from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 4 on the sidewalks of Benton Park. Professional artists, novices and children will fill park sidewalks with vivid, temporary artwork.

Adult chalk participants must call 664-9964 to pre-register. Space is limited. The \$20 fee will cover the cost of chalk. Children participants are only \$1. Spectators are free.

A total of \$400 in prize money will be awarded to the top three artists. Judges from the community will select winners.

There will be gifts and refreshments for children, too.

Blankets, lawn chairs, food and beverages are welcome at the event. So bring your family and friends and rediscover Benton Park. Food and beverages will not be sold at the event.

Benton Park Chalk Art is a rain-or-shine event.

'Dine Out for Dental' at McGurk's

Family Care Health Centers is hosting a fundraising event, "Dining Out for Dental," from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at John D. McGurk's in Soulard to support the Centers' dental programs. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Dining Out for Dental event go toward expanding access to dental services.

According to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, "access to oral health care services, dentists or dental hygienists, remains a major issue, especially for Medicaid recipients and low-income persons across the state." Having healthy teeth and gums is an essential component of good health, and Family Care Health Centers (FCHC) is working to expand access to dental services to all those who need them.

Dental services offered at FCHC include cleanings, sealants, fillings, extractions, root canals, crowns, partials and full dentures. Thorough exams and x-rays are conducted at each initial visit.

With a \$50 donation, guests are treated to hors d'oeuvres and an open bar.

Contact Family Care Health Centers at 481-1615 x1306 by Oct. 20 to R.S.V.P.

For more information on the event and the community outreach and services of Family Care Health Centers, visit www.familycarehealthcenter.org.

Blessing of animals Oct. 5

All people and their pets are invited to "A Celebration of Creation: The Feast of St. Francis (including the Blessing of the Animals)" at 4 p.m. Oct. 5 at downtown's Christ Church Cathedral, 13th and Olive streets. After this 45-minute prayer service, featured last year on KSDK and CNN, there will be treats for dogs and cats as well as refreshments for their human friends. All animals must be on leashes or in carriers or cages. Free parking is available on the Cathedral lot and on the street. For more information, call 231-3454 or visit www.christchurchcathedral.us.

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Alderman Triplett named St. Louis' 'Best Politician'

The Riverfront Times honored Alderman Kacie Starr Triplett as St. Louis' "Best Politician." The weekly publication's annual "Best Of" feature cited Triplett's political "savvy" and legislation addressing local vacant buildings in giving her the honor. Joining Triplett on this year's list were a number of local citizens and businesses, including new 6th Ward eateries, Pappy's Smokehouse and The U.

"This award is a great recognition," said Triplett. "I thank the RFT for honoring my work and congratulate the rest of this year's winners. I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of the 6th Ward and the city of St. Louis."

The "Best Politician" award was selected by a panel of the Riverfront Times' staff and contributors.

Some other categories were voted on directly by readers. A full summary of all of this year's winners can be retrieved at www.riverfronttimes.com/bestOf.

Kacie Starr Triplett serves as alderman of St. Louis' 6th Ward. She is the former vice chair of the 6th Ward Democratic Organization, a member of the Women's Political Caucus and a delegate to the America's Council of Young Political Leaders. Before taking office, she operated her own small business, served as the District Affairs Coordinator for Congressman Russ Carnahan and Outreach Coordinator for former Minority Leader Dick Gephardt in Washington, D.C. and St. Louis. She resides in the same house she grew up in as a child, in the Tower Grove East neighborhood.

St. Louis artist captures historic moment in time

Marbles Gallery exhibits "Obama Royale," op art paintings by artist Richard Rodriguez with an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 10. The exhibit will run through Nov. 5.

As the 2008 presidential election approached, artist Richard Rodriguez wanted to capture this important American-history moment in time. Inspired by the original poster that was conceived by Shepard Fairey for the Barack Obama campaign, Rodriguez said he saw the image as iconic and one that was meant to be big. So he "just started painting them," literally creating enormous op art banner paintings — each one unique.

It was Fairey's stated wish that these images go viral. So Rodriguez created a grass roots effort to record the event, but in a distinctly different fashion from corporate efforts. With a little help from his friends, Rodriguez has been able to recreate the Obama image in different color schemes and with different messages such as "Hope," "Progress," and "Change," even making some in different languages. The first three banners were displayed at the Royale restaurant and bar on King-highway for an Obama rally.

He said the Missouri Historical Society wants the first three paintings, which will be displayed at The St. Louis

Art Museum. He said he is glad that people, specifically those supporting Obama's campaign, see the images as useful, but for Rodriguez, the banners are art first.

Rodriguez described his artwork as part of a distinct difference between Obama's campaign and that of Sen. John McCain's. "[Obama's] campaign is more people-driven; it's literally from the bottom up. No one from the Obama campaign called us [to ask us to do this]," he said. But he added, "for me, this is 90 percent art, 10 percent politics."

Call 791-6466 or visit www.marblesyoga.com for more information.



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Artist Richard Rodriguez works on his large-scale, constructivist replicas of a poster of presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama.



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Crews from APS Construction, Inc. erect a tube slide on Sept. 17 in Benton Park in south St. Louis.

Letter to the editor

Schooling in the Square presents a parent's dilemma

The start of a new school year causes anxiety every September, regardless of my age. The change in weather sautés with a flood of first day memories past and I begin to get uneasy. The school year signals the beginning of a cycle filled with so many unknowns and obstacles during the long trek towards spring.

My daughter's second birthday in June added even greater significance as the prospect of her own schooling approaches on the horizon. My anxiety now grows each month as the thought of finding a school for her lingers.

Conversations on the topic with friends in Lafayette Square are more prevalent, yet yield little more than, "I don't know. What are you going to do?" Private schools, religious and not, seem to be the trend for most residents. Since moving into the Square, this has become part of my stock response when people ask about schooling. My default was to pass it off and say that I would figure it out later. Unfortunately, later has arrived.

Having worked in the field of education in a number of different capacities, my perspective has been colored with a broad stroke of influences. I felt prepared to tackle the issue and believed it would be an easy decision. Unfortunately, it has not been easy.

I know the lingo — achievement gap, excellent schools, IEPs, learning modalities, and so forth. Until the prospect of my own daughter's education, all of it remained very ethereal, like tempered glass that allows objects to be seen but protects from impact with an invisible thin membrane. The process of choosing a school, in and of itself, is not the challenge for us, but rather the lack of viable options. What follows is a snapshot of those options.

Lafayette Square and surrounding neighborhoods feed into the St. Louis Public School District (SLPS). Unfortunately, my confidence in the district is shaky at best. The most recognized gifted program offered by SLPS includes

Kennard CJA Elementary, McKinley CJA Middle and Metro High School. The positive feedback I hear from parents, combined with the academic statistics reported by the state, provides some glimmer of hope. Unfortunately, each school has a number of prerequisites for admission and acceptance is ultimately decided by a lottery system. Moreover, even these fine schools are imbedded in a dysfunctional district that cannot maintain accreditation or a superintendent.

Charter schools are another free option, but fall prey to too many of the same shortcomings as SLPS. They lack a record of achievement on standards such as MAP testing and teacher retention, and need more time to evolve.

There are a number of excellent private schools but they are expensive, especially with multiple children. Parochial schools could be an option, but we are not religious and worry how the school's beliefs could impact the curriculum.

Our dilemma is that we love living in the city. The idea of moving makes me cringe. However, I am frustrated, saddened and scared that a quality, free education is not readily available. Choosing to attend private school is one thing. Being forced to seek out private schools because your public options are lacking, is another.

In some ways, the lack of a sound education is a violation of civil rights, especially when it is generally accepted that a good education better positions an individual for success. Restricted access to a sound education can cause irreparable harm when skills are not honed and exposure to opportunities is lost.

While my daughter is on the way to mastering potty training, assuming she has Einstein-like capabilities to carry her through life is a tad naïve. There is too much at risk, so this parent's dilemma remains.

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Volunteers needed for fall plantings

By Linda Weiner
Lafayette Square

Quote of the month

Working in the garden gives me something beyond the enjoyment of the senses./It gives me a profound feeling of inner peace.

-Ruth Stout

First Annual Lafayette Square Community Garden Fundraiser raises funds and spirits

The Lafayette Square Community Garden held a poetry reading evening with cupcakes and cocktails under the stars! What a delightful evening it was by candlelight! Many thanks to Keith Welsh, Margaret Howard, Steve Mann, Robin Kruse, Bridgid Simpson, Roy Peterson, Pam Behnen and Donna Decker for inspiration and perspiration!

If you were unable to attend but wish to contribute to the fund needed to build brick columns along Park Avenue upon which we hope to attach iron fencing, please consider writing a check to the "LSRC" with a memo "community garden" on the lower left. You may drop it off at the Park House or mail it to 2023 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104. We



thank you!

Volunteers needed for "Plant-O-Mania" Oct. 11 and 12

Calling all volunteers! The Lafayette Square neighborhood will be the recipient of plant materials to plant up the Jefferson Avenue median with spring bulbs and additional bushes; the community garden will receive boxwood to be planted along the Dolman Street side of the garden; and the Park Avenue median will be getting an entirely new look with trees (to arrive later) and masses of perennials.

Please contact Linda Weiner at Linderweiner@prodigy.net or call 621-7071 to volunteer. We're sure gonna need ya!

Muchas, muchas gracias

Many thanks to Mike Callahan for his efforts on the Park Avenue bumpouts. It always feels good to garden with a side-kick!



Carey Loomis photo

City residents from the Square and beyond came out to the second annual Urban Health Fair & Market to learn about living a more healthful lifestyle in the city.

Healthy, happy times had by all at 2nd annual health fair

The second annual Urban Health Fair & Market, held in Lafayette Square on Sept. 13th, was another success! Despite weather forecasts predicting rain, the day was totally dry, and over 1000 attendees came out to learn more about how to live healthier and happier lives.

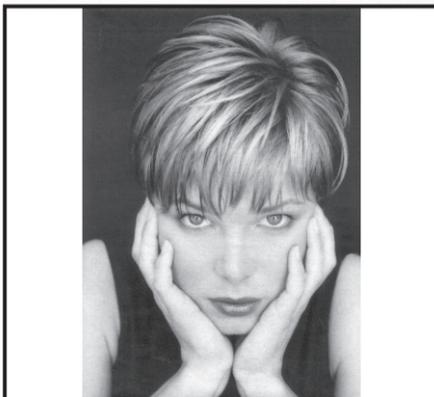
The event featured music and dance by Los Flamencos, Jane Godfrey, Saved by Chaos, Farshid Etniko, and Brian Curran. Leah and Nicole Dyer organized a full day of health focused kid's activities, and over 25 volunteers (many of whom are Lafayette Square residents) helped with set-up, tear down, welcome booths and more!

Thirty wellness vendors offered goods and services for both sample and sale, and local restaurants provided healthy menu items for attendees. This year's event even featured a healthy pet marketplace.

For more details on next year's Urban Health Fair & Market please continue to visit: www.UrbanHealthFair.org

As soon as updated information is available, it will be posted there.

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Chatillon-De Menil House observes Victorian mourning practices

If you are looking for an educational alternative to the haunted houses and "creep shows" of the season, the Chatillon-DeMenil House Museum should be at the top of your list of places to visit.

Entitled, "A Death in the Family,"

The Chatillon-DeMenil House presents an interesting look at mourning traditions of the Victorian era.

Photo courtesy of the Chatillon-DeMenil House



this special event, now in its fourth year, will run from noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 19 and feature exhibits illustrating 19th century embalming and funerary practices, post-mortem photography, mourning clothing and customs, furniture, hair-work jewelry and many other death-related artifacts from the Victorian era.

The house will be shrouded, as if in a state of mourning, with mirrors covered in black crepe, and black ribbons and wreaths will adorn the entry doors.

Grave stone rubbing demonstrations will be held throughout the event on the lawn of the Chatillon-DeMenil House. Learn about this simple and beautiful way to preserve time worn inscriptions from these monuments.

In "Contacting the Other Side, Then and Now," a two-part exhibit, you will first experience a detailed re-enactment of a 19th century séance. Then visit with members of the St. Louis Chapter of the Paranormal Research and Investigative Studies, Midwest (PRISM,) who will display equipment used and evidence they have recorded during their many paranormal investigations.

Admission to this event is \$10 per person. Tarot readings, which have become a popular feature of this event, are \$5.

The adjoining Café DeMenil will be open for lunch during this event from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Image courtesy of phd gallery

"Buy Mark's Art or the Terrorists Win" is a collection of local artist Mark Florida's recent work that features satirical political propaganda.

Fight 'terrorism' with art

phd gallery presents a politically-themed art exhibition, opening one week prior to the Nov. 4 election

Combining the nostalgic aesthetic of World War II with architectural photography, artist Mark Florida creates a hip 21st century propaganda campaign that is as visually satisfying as it is wickedly satirical. Located at 2300 Cherokee St. in south St. Louis, phd gallery presents Florida's collection of limited edition, large format, ultrachrome prints, which will be on display and for purchase from Oct. 25 to Dec. 13. An opening reception for the artist will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 25.

Mark Florida photographs time-worn buildings in St. Louis and using digital techniques, "paints" them with propaganda posters that are hybrids of his original paintings and slogans from WWII posters. The resulting 40- by 60-inch ultrachrome images, limited to editions of five prints, are vibrant portraits of architecture as well as a political commentary on contemporary culture, the war on terror, and the environment. The effect is a wistful look at a government campaign that never happened. Beautifully rendered and disturbingly humorous, each image contains the illogical directive: "Buy Mark's Art or the terrorists win."

The artist, who owns and operates Gallery Framing in the Delmar Loop, has been an artist and photographer in St. Louis for 25 years. The former engineering graduate is perhaps best known for his photographs of St. Louis landmarks and high profile events, including the statue of King Louis (under the Arch!), the Forest Park Balloon races, and the Botanical Gardens. Gallery

two will feature these images and other works from Florida's portfolio.

Florida became serious about painting and photography in 1966 at the age of 12, after entering an art competition and having his first one man show at Coldwater Elementary School. In that same year he won his first painting competition and sold three paintings at \$35 each, and has been creating art ever since. He has worked as both a professional photographer and portrait painter, but now concentrates on fine art that comments on the times in which we live.

Florida has lectured on plein air painting and art conservation at universities and to art groups in Missouri. In 1999 he co-founded the Missouri Plein Air Painters Association, and as its Exhibition Manager, helped to promote this painting style throughout Missouri. Since becoming a downtown St. Louis resident six years ago, Florida has become enamored of the architecture of the city, and has incorporated it into many of his recent works, both in painting and photography. Most recently, thanks to the tools available in the digital world, he has been able to incorporate both his painting and his photography into his new work (on show at phd gallery), which the artist calls, "the most exciting period of my creative experience so far."

phd gallery, is located at 2300 Cherokee Street in St. Louis. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information about phd gallery, visit www.phdstl.com or call 664-6644.

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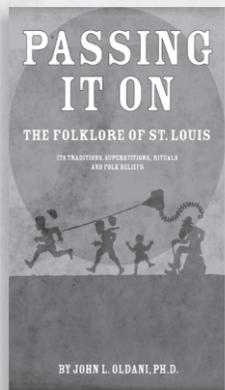
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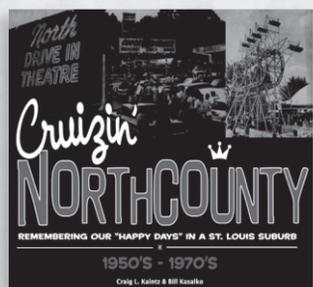
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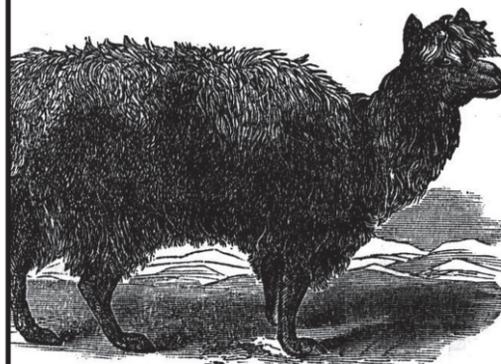
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Soulard chefs offer more delicious recipes

By Sandra Zak
Soulard Market

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

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

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

Lobster and Avocado Salad with Pineapple Salsa and Fried Plantain Chips

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

Pineapple Salsa

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

Plantain Chips

1 green plantain cut very thinly

frying oil
season salt

Lobster can be bought pre-cooked or one small lobster can be bought live, boiled and cleaned. Small dice the lobster meat reserving one-fourth cup of lobster (save claw meat if using whole lobster).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Crowder Peas with Bacon

2 cups crowder peas, fresh shelled
1/4 cup bacon, chopped
1/4 cup yellow onions, small diced
1 teaspoon garlic, minced
1 tablespoon butter

1 1/2 cups water
Salt and pepper to taste

Remove the peas from the pods. Cut and measure remaining ingredients.

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

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

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

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

Corn Salad

4 cups corn, freshly shucked, cut off cob and washed
1 cup red pepper, small diced
1/2 cup poblano pepper, small diced
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/2 cup parsley, chopped

2 tablespoons chives
1 cup yellow onion, small diced
2 tbs basil (fresh only), Julienne
Salt and pepper to taste

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

Cut up and measure out remaining ingredients.

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

Add in the corn and cook until tender. This will take 3 to 5 minutes. Let cool.

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

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September LSRC membership meeting minutes

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 55 residents in attendance. President Pete Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Gail Foster and Jim Bradshaw introduced themselves as new neighbors. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as presented by the secretary. Sign up sheets for Movies in the Park and the Urban Health Fair were distributed.

Committee Reports

Safety - Don Owens reported that five of the worst seven problem properties have been sold. If anyone has a problem property on his or her block, please contact Don with details. The alleys continue to be a problem. Trash bin etiquette is not being observed. Large boxes should not be left outside the trash bins, nor should they be put in the trash bins unless they are broken down. Bulk pickup happens once a month. Look for signs around the park announcing the pickups. Also, recycling is available at city firehouses. Community policing is a concept that our neighborhood has fostered for many years. If you have a complaint, incident or comment, please call Don or Officers Lang or Min before calling the mayor or the media.

Officer Bob Lang announced that crime is down 18 percent in the Square. If you feel that something or someone is suspicious, please call immediately so that the issue can be resolved. You can deter car break-ins by using a club and/or an alarm. Keep all valuables out of sight. An armed robbery occurred on the 2300 block of Albion Place. The perpetrator was on a bicycle. Be alert to your surroundings when out at night. It was suggested that residents turn on their porch lights and report burned out street and alley lights.

Criminals do not like well-lit areas.

Finance - Sue Bauer announced that income stands at 74 percent of budget and expenses are at 71 percent of budget.

Development - Keith Houghton reported that issue of the fence placement on Walter Moody's property on 18th Street at LaSalle Street has been resolved. Cultural Resources has approved a chain link fence at Doorways because it is not visible from the street.

New Business

Elections - Election of officers for the next year will occur at the next meeting on Oct. 17. The following residents have been nominated for these vacant positions:

President - Don Terrill
VP/President-Elect - open
VP/Development-Elect - J. Watson Scott
VP/Community Affairs - Liz Lohman
Treasurer - Steve Mann
Membership Secretary - Jeff Jensen
Board Secretary - Jessica Miller
Three At-Large Members - Dave Gratz, Chris Westmeyer, Roy Peterson
Development Committee, At-Large Members - Terry Linhardt, Chelia Holmes.

Old Business

Movies in the Park - Steve and Linda Skinner head up this committee. *The Raiders of the Lost Ark* will be the last movie in the series this summer on Sept. 27. There will be a marshal arts demonstration by a national champion before the show. One of the events will feature swords. The Skinners are looking for treasures that anyone might be willing to display. Magicians will also perform. Food

will be available.

Walking Tour Signs - The committee has been working on developing the areas of significance. The project will look something like the Walk of Fame in University City. The committee believes that this will be a 10-year project because of an estimated cost of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Urban Health Fair - The Health Fair will be held on Sept. 13 at the plaza on Park Avenue. There will be 31 vendors this year. Pet health will also be represented along with adoptions.

Stray Cocktails - Every Friday in September from 4 to 7 p.m., Stray Rescue is sponsoring cocktails at the plaza. The blessing of animals will take place on Sept. 26. If your animal cannot come, bring a photo.

Bike Race - Many thanks to all who made the bike race such a success this year. Special thanks to Susan Sauer for all of her hard work.

Announcements

Sweets to the Sweet - The community garden will host a poetry reading and social on Sept. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the garden. The proceeds will be used for a fence along Park Avenue.

Taste of Lafayette Square - This event will occur at 6 p.m. Oct. 5 at the community pool. LSRC awards will be given at that time.

Pumpkin Patch - The Lafayette Park United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch opens at 9 a.m. Oct. 11. There will be pumpkins galore. Bring your friends and family.

Wine - Terry Etling reports that there is still wine available from the house tour. It is \$15 per bottle. Contact Terry.

Meeting Schedules

The LSRC Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Sept 16 in the Park House.

The LPC will meet 7 p.m. Sept. 23 at in the Park House.

The LP Implementation Advisory Board will meet on Sept. 24 in the Boat-house.

The LSBA will meet 8 a.m. Oct. 2 at Ricardo's.

The LSRC Awards Presentation will occur at 6 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Community Pool.

The LSRC Development Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Park House.

The Arts Council will meet at 7 p.m. Oct 9 in the Park House.

The LSRC membership meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The social was hosted by Terry and Mark Etling.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Horner, membership secretary

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5742 LINDENWOOD \$234,900
Wood floors, natural wood trim, exquisite leaded and art glass windows enhance the charm of this remarkable home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths a sunroom, hidden office, garage and more!



3904 JUNIATA \$233,000
Great 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath in Tower Grove South. Amazing woodwork, freshly painted interior, updated kitchen with appliances, beamed ceilings and stained glass windows in dining room. Master bedroom has a great bath and balcony to enjoy.



725 SHENANDOAH \$230,000
Oversized windows, exposed brick, original wood floors, built in art glass cabinet, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, zoned heating and cooling, great rear courtyard and a roof top deck...!



2642 SHENANDOAH \$229,900
This Fox Park gem is a recent gut rehab with the building's historical integrity maintained. Features include an incredible private side lot, a brand new garage, 7 years on a 10 year tax abatement, 3 beds, gorgeous!



6160 WASHINGTON \$229,900
Spectacular four bedroom three bath Skinker-DeBaliviere area home w/ wood floors, updated electric & plumbing, newer kitchen, lighting & windows, fenced yard & off-street parking and striking plaster relief and frieze work facade.



4000 RUSSELL AVE. \$220,000
Gorgeous and historic 3-story, Shaw beauty. On a corner lot with a side entry 2 car garage. This home has been wonderfully updated with newer baths, large kitchen and finished 3rd floor. Awesome block!



3954 BOTANICAL \$219,000
Nicely updated 3 bedroom 2 bath 1 car garage home in Shaw. Great location one block from Tower Grove Park. Beautiful updated kitchen with 42" cabinets. ***New hardwood flooring, windows, electric, plumbing, Energy Star roof!***



5479 PERNOD \$219,000
Great brick bungalow with 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths. This home features stunning hardwood floors, great updated second floor with extra living space and a one car garage.



3674 BLAINE \$200,000
Newly renovated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in the Tiffany neighborhood with bamboo floors, new kitchen with great cabinets and appliances. Nice yard with a great deck.



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