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Take a walk

First Lafayette Square Historic Walk plaques due to appear later this fall

By John Bishop
Lafayette Square

Over the last several months a group of residents have been working to bring Lafayette Square's history to life. They are developing a plan to put historic plaques in the sidewalks and put an audio tour on the Internet to be downloaded on today's smartphones.

The committee members are Pat Barber, Andy Ecker, Jason Bittle, Tim Gore, Tom Keay, Carolyn Willmore, April Breeden, Crystal Peairs, Jeff Jensen and John Bishop.

The first plaque, which is located in the Plaza, includes an overview of the history of Lafayette Square and complements the many past and present residents that have made the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee a strong neighborhood association. The exact wording on the plaque is as follows:

"Welcome to Lafayette Square!

"Lafayette Square, St. Louis' oldest historic district, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. Originally, the Square was part of a 4,000 acre parcel of land called the Commons and was established in 1764 for grazing livestock and collecting firewood.

"With the exception of thirty acres that was reserved for a public square, the

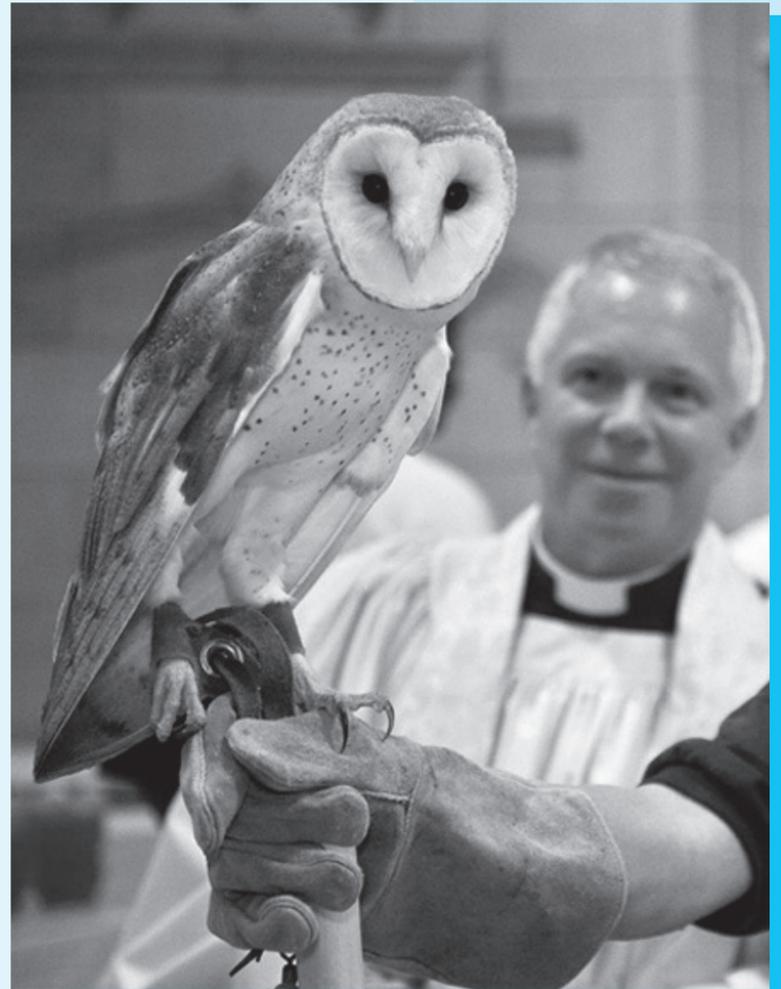
Commons was divided into plots and sold beginning in 1836. That public square, now known as Lafayette Park (located one block west of here), is the oldest developed park west of the Mississippi River. The park is the centerpiece of Lafayette Square, which today consists of 375 Victorian homes of French Second Empire, Romanesque, Italianate, Queen Anne, and Federal designs.

"As John Albury Bryan, noted architect and author wrote: "Lafayette Square is the most significant historical neighborhood in the city of St. Louis. Surrounding Lafayette Park, the city's first park, the neighborhood's development began in earnest in the 1850's. Due to the exuberance and passion of its residents, the neighborhood has remained largely intact, surviving blight, deterioration, and neglect during much of the mid-twentieth century."

"In 1970, residents channeled their fierce pride in the neighborhood's architecture and formed the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee (LSRC) to safeguard it. The strength of our neighborhood continues to be our dedicated residents. It is this dedication that makes us proud to share our neighborhood and history with you."

Funding will determine the speed, but ultimately we could have several

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Bob Crowe photo

All God's creatures

A regal owl receives a blessing during 2008's Christ Church Cathedral's Celebration of Creation. The Church, 1210 Locust St., will again host the celebration at 5 p.m. Oct. 4. All pets are invited to be blessed during the annual feast of St. Francis, although they must be on leashes or in cages or carriers.

MO Supreme Court upholds education funding

By Jeanette Mott Oxford
59th District State Representative

On Sept. 1, the Missouri Supreme Court upheld the state's formula for distributing education funding to local

public school districts. The ruling ends a challenge to the funding system brought by more than half of Missouri's 524 school districts that has been working its way through the courts for nearly six years. The Supreme Court has said, in essence, that Missouri is complying with minimum constitutional requirements.

When the lawsuit was originally filed in January 2004, the schools were challenging the education funding formula then in place that had been enacted in 1993 as part of Senate Bill 380. Partly in response to the lawsuit, the General Assembly enacted a new funding formula in 2005 with Senate Bill 287, and the lawsuit was amended to challenge that funding system as well.

The primary group of suing districts, the Committee for Educational Equality, argued that the state's education funding formula violates the Missouri Constitution by providing insufficient money to local schools and that the money it does provide is unfairly distributed. The CEE also argued that the lack of additional state funding for requirements imposed

on local districts by the state violates the provision of the Hancock Amendment that prohibits unfunded state mandates on local governments.

By a unanimous 7-0 vote, however, the court ruled that the legislature's only constitutional obligation in regard to education funding is to budget at least 25 percent of state revenue for free public schools. Lawmakers typically set aside more than a third of state revenue for public schools. The court also held that there is "no constitutional basis" for fair and equal distribution of education funds. They noted that various constitutional provisions actual build unfairness into the system.

Although he concurred with the bulk of the majority's ruling, Judge Michael Wolff issued a separate opinion in which he dissented concerning the court's rejection of claims that unfair and unconstitutional property tax assessment practices in many counties result in school funding being shortchanged. The majority essentially said that was an issue for another day and left open the

possibility for a future challenge on that point.

Since local property taxes are a key component of the state's education funding distribution system, Wolff said unconstitutional assessment practices result in a "rigged" system. He said that it was improper for the court to dodge the issue in this case given the implications on education funding.

"This case calls on the Court to choose whether to be an enabler of the General Assembly's disregard of constitutional standards," Wolff wrote. "The Court today has not made the right choice. Perhaps some day it will."

Good for Judge Wolff for highlighting this important issue.

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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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Changing leaves means changing LSRC leaders

By Don Terrill
LSRC President

True to form I'm late getting this letter to the publisher. Some things will never change for me. But for Lafayette Square the yearly change is about to occur. Yes, of course, the leaves are changing and a new season is upon us — fall is always so beautiful here — but also the LSRC is about to have its yearly change in leadership, new thoughts and fresh enthusiasm are always good for any neighborhood!

On the second Tuesday evening in October, I will step down and Linda Skinner will take the leadership of the LSRC. A proven and successful leader

(she planned this year's Movies in the Park series) in the neighborhood, Linda brings a fresh energy that everyone will enjoy and be excited to see.

I have enjoyed my time as president, primarily because I have gotten to know my neighbors so much better. Lafayette Square is truly the best place in St. Louis to live! I want to thank everyone for your graciousness and support over this past year. You have made this a memorable time in my life in the Square. I look forward to being active in the LSRC and working alongside all of you to maintain and improve this beautiful place we love to call home!

Thank you for your support.

Barr Library launches PAWS for Reading program Oct. 7

Beginning Oct. 7, Judy Cunningham and Harry the dog will be visiting Barr Branch Library as part of the PAWS for Reading program, which runs from 4 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday through April 2010.

Children ages 4 to 12 are encouraged to visit the library and read aloud to their canine buddies. Dogs make perfect pals because they are non-threatening, promote trust, and encourage children to take risks in learning by reading

aloud, which enhances self-esteem by improving literacy.

The dogs are specially trained by Support Dogs, Inc. to listen attentively to you reading.

Volunteers will help children keep track of the time they spend reading to the dog.

PAWS for Reading is funded in part by the St. Louis Public Library, Support Dogs, Inc. and Nestle Purina Petcare Company.

Barr Branch Public Library upcoming events

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3 Knitting Circle. Bring your projects! Adults. 1-3 p.m.

6 Hip hop, punk, goth or emo sock puppets...oh my! These sock puppets aren't for preschoolers. We'll provide the supplies, you provide the imagination. Grades 6-12. 4-5 p.m.

8 Game Time. Play board and card games. Families. 4-5 p.m.

10 Storytime. Stories, songs and more. Groups of five or more register in advance. Preschool. Ages 3-5. 10:30-11 a.m.

13 Henna Tattoos. Temporary body art. Grades 6-12. 4-5 p.m.

14 Got Game? Play Xbox or Wii games. Grades 6-12. 4-6 p.m.

17 Knitting Circle. Bring your projects! Adults. 1-3 p.m.

21 Teen Movie: *Coraline*. Celebrate Teen Read Week with this beyond-reality movie based on Neil Gaiman's book. Grades 5-12. 4-6 p.m.

22 Game Time. Play board and card games. Families. 4-5 p.m.

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On your marks...

Kids in the 5-to-6-year-old age group prepare for their ride around Lafayette Park on Sept. 4. The "race" was part of the festivities surrounding the annual Tour de Lafayette bike race.

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sidewalk-embedded plaques giving visitors historical information about our architecture, the Great Tornado, famous residents, individual houses and more.

The downloadable audio tour will be rolled out in segments. The first segment will be completed by this year's Holiday Tour, but we will continue to add more segments over the next several years. The first segment will include some of the high points about the park itself.

Future segments might include the history of some of the residents and houses on Mississippi Avenue, Park

Avenue or Lafayette Avenue. Another might be about what it was like to live in Lafayette Square in the 1700s and 1800s. Because of today's technology we can show our visitors some interesting before-and-after pictures. For example, we could have a segment that include pictures of a house damaged by the Great Tornado as the person was standing in front of that same house.

The LSRC and the TIF committee have generously contributed a total of \$5,500 to begin our effort. In the future, 85 to 90 percent of the new funding for this continuing project will come from sources outside of Lafayette Square.

Boogie for the Boat House Oct. 31

By Lyn Demoss
Lafayette Square

The Lafayette Park Conservancy will host a "Boat House Boogie" Halloween fundraising dance at the Boat House in Lafayette Park on Oct. 31. Gumbohead, St. Louis' favorite Cajun band, will play from 9 p.m. to midnight to help you boogie the night away. This event is for adults only, so it will take place after all our little ones have completed their trick-or-treating.

Tour the Boo Garden, meet Count Chocula or learn your fortune with a tarot card reading! There will be prizes for the best costume, so start inventing your look now. Admission will be \$25 in advance or at the door, \$20 if you are a Conservancy member. (So join already!)

Cash bar and snacks will be available. For more information or to buy tickets please visit our website at www.lafayettepark.org, beginning Oct. 1.

All Boogie proceeds will go toward restoring the Boat House roof. Built in 1908 as a comfort station, this important park centerpiece has seriously deteriorated due to a citywide funding shortage for park maintenance. The Lafayette Park Conservancy was organized in 2001 to raise funds for restoring the park, and has thus far set aside more than \$69,000 of the estimated \$100,000 needed to repair the Boat House roof and restore its original Spanish tile surface and decorative rafter ends.

Be sure to put the Boat House Boogie on your calendar — you won't want to miss out on the fun. See you there!



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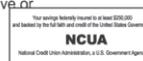
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HEALTH + WELLNESS



On Sept. 12, the third annual Health and Wellness Fair took over Park Avenue between Vail and 18th Street. The fair featured a wide variety of vendor booths from Lafayette Square businesses and several interactive classes for activities including tai chi (demonstrated in the photo at right), zumba, yoga and total body pump.

Other features of the event included a 3K/5K non-competitive run and walk, dance performances and live music by Jane Godfrey and the Funky Butt Brass Band. Below left, a fair attendee stops by the Four Muddy Paws booth.



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Volunteers start fall plantings in, around park

By Linda Weiner
Lafayette Square

Quote of the month

"Gardening is like cooking: read the recipe and then use your head. A dash of skepticism can do no harm. Go lightly on caution, heavily on adventure and see what comes out. If you make a mistake, what of it? That is one way to learn, and tomorrow is another day."

— Ruth Stout, American gardener

Fall planting and clean-up underway

On Aug. 30, about 20 volunteers from the Gebhardt Institute for Public Service at Washington University and a half-dozen neighbors converged on the community garden patio and the rock garden in Lafayette Park to get down to the business of beautification. The volunteers ripped up the wavy-gravy brick patio at the community garden and prepared the surface for re-bricking while the weeds all but disappeared at the rock garden and new seasonal plantings were installed.

A big thanks to Jim Peterson and Craig Adams for supervising the prep work for the upcoming brick patio at the community garden; to the Olsons of Mississippi and Roy Peterson for agreeing to let us use their much-needed tools and Greg Plattner for delivering them to the scene; to Steve Mann and Robin Kruse for tools and sand delivery; to Rachael Witt and the Great Spirit for delivery of a skilled community service handyman with 60 hours to contribute to continue the job, now about half-finished. Great Spirit, bring another volunteer with patio skills!

Thanks also go to Bridgid Simpson, Ken Stone and Greg Plattner for supervising



Photo courtesy of Linda Weiner

Volunteers from the Gebhardt Institute for Public Service at Washington University take a break from working on the community garden patio and rock garden in Lafayette Park.

the weeding of the Park Avenue bumpouts, setting out equipment in the park, and eradicating a rosebush infested with a virus. These are the things that make a difference!

Additional thanks goes to Rebecca Wright and Terry and Sue Linhardt for supervising the students at the rock garden and for their ongoing volunteerism there.

The next wave of volunteers from the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church and Washington University will appear in Lafayette Park on Sept. 26 to help rake up paths and beautify the park. Following that, the grand finale on Oct. 24 will be the SLU "Make a Difference" volunteers, who will help us install \$2,700 worth of boxwood, red knockout roses and spring bulbs to the eastern Park Avenue median and three of the bumpouts to continue the re-planting efforts. Thanks to Matt Brazelton and Jeff Jensen for getting us started, to Operation

Brightside for their grants and assistance, to Steve Mann for his redesign consultation, and to the LSRC membership for its vote to assist with plant purchases to supplement the grants.

Community garden update

Gardeners and the neighborhood consensus resulted in the decision to add five beds to the community garden next spring to try to accommodate more neighbors with an interest in gardening in the full sun! Co-leaders Linda Weiner and Steve Mann will be writing a grant request to Gateway Greening this fall and we should hear in late winter. Currently, Kelly Steinman, Virginia Slachman, Brian Simpson, Nancy and Jeff Barnett, Peukerts, Ryan Shaughnessy, Kandi Davis, Charles Hoffman, Jeremy Esposito, Pam Behnan, Craig and Shien Micchelli,

Tom Sullivan and Alison Newell are on the waiting list by order of date of request, emailed to Linderweiner@prodigy.net, or written and dropped off at 1801 Hickory St. (Offhanded requests on the street do not count). Gardeners agree to an annual fee of \$20 per bed, participate in spring and fall clean-ups of common ground, maintain their own beds, and volunteer two hours for Gateway Greening in years in which grants from them are received.

The Garden Fall Harvest Party and celebration with all Lafayette Square gardening volunteers will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 11 at the community garden at Park and Dolman. Gardeners and volunteers are encouraged to bring a dish and a chair and join us for donated beverages. Gardeners are encouraged to prepare dishes with ingredients from the garden (pesto anyone?) or orchard (apple pie?). Anyone who has helped with Brightside Blitz or volunteered in 2009 for any beautification project in Lafayette Park or around the square is invited!

As October seems to be too packed with events, the Lafayette Square Community Garden fundraiser to continue the quest for brick columns along Park Avenue in order to create our new entranceway, has been postponed. The proposed date of the poetry reading by talented Lafayette Square author and master gardener Virginia Slackman is Nov. 11. We hope to have the event at an establishment in Lafayette Square. More to come later. Please mark your calendars for an event to be held in the boring weeks between holidays!

Muchas, muchas gracias

Thanks to the secret weeder who got to the uglies at the wedge garden at the Park and Mississippi entrance to Lafayette Park!



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Square was once home to Civil War fort

By Ward Buckner
Lafayette Square

A Civil War fort once stood on what is now Whittemore Place and Albion Place. It was one of a defensive line of 10 forts hastily constructed in 1861 to defend St. Louis against Confederate attacks. Ours was officially named Fort No. 5.

A map drawn in 1905 shows it as a triangular fort, with one point extending into Lafayette Avenue, another entirely across Jefferson near the intersection of Albion Place and the third point on Missouri north of Albion.

The description of it in the *Encyclopedia of the History of St. Louis* by Hyde and Conard, published in 1895, is slightly different. It describes Fort No. 5 as "quadrilateral in form, each side about 400 feet long; mounted four Columbiads [heavy smoothbore long-range cannons]; located between Whittemore Place and Missouri Avenue west of Lafayette Park."

By 1875 only a small trace of the fort remained. Dry and Compton's *Pictorial St. Louis* published that year shows what probably was part of the fort near what is now Whittemore Place. Most of the land between the park and Jefferson was vacant. Neither Whittemore nor

Albion Place had been laid out. Paulette and Joe Muller's home, the McLaughlin Funeral Home and some houses on the north side of Lafayette were shown at the south end of the tract. The rest of the tract was occupied by a pond, two houses and a few trees.

It may be difficult to understand today why it was thought necessary to fortify the city but the situation in the spring and summer of 1861 was what we would call "fluid" today. Pro-Union and pro-Confederate sympathies were roughly equal in the city. The governor and state legislature leaned toward the Confederacy. Many Missourians were undecided about their loyalty to either side.

The federal government was so concerned about the situation here that it decided to remove federal funds from the St. Louis Customs House and sub-treasury in January 1861.

Construction of the line of forts probably began in the spring of 1861 under the direction of General Lyon, who in May 1861, commanded Union volunteers, mostly German-speaking St. Louisans, when they arrested the St. Louis County state militia mustering at Camp Jackson near the present site of St. Louis University. It certainly

continued under the direction of Major General John Charles Fremont, Sen. Thomas Hart Benton's son-in-law, who took command here in late July. It is not clear exactly when Fort No. 5 was built.

St. Louis became an assembly point for thousands of Union troops in the summer of 1861 so the fortifications were never tested. There are mentions of barracks being erected in the park but no evidence to support that claim.

There is an interesting connection between the officer who directed the construction of the fort in 1861, Julius Pitzman, and the park superintendent who began laying out the park in its present configuration in 1864, Max Kern.

Pitzman was a civil engineer and Kern was a landscape designer here and in Europe. Both were born in Europe, both studied landscape design there and both were German.

When the Missouri General Assembly approved plans for Forest Park in 1874, Pitzman surveyed the ground and was then appointed chief engineer. Max Kern became the Forest Park superintendent. Theodore C. Link, who designed Union Station and 2031 Park Avenue later, was chief draughtsman.

Kern and Pitzman later worked

together to design two of the private streets for which St. Louis has become famous, Westmoreland and Portland places.

Kern designed the Compton Hill and Chain of Rocks reservoirs, Lafayette Park and probably other parks in St. Louis. Pitzman laid out Kingsbury Place, Vandeventer Place, Compton Heights probably, and several other subdivisions, as well as Portland and Westmoreland places.

Their collaboration made sense. Pitzman could persuade landowners who wanted to lay out subdivisions that they should start by building roads, gates, laying water and gas lines, planting trees and shrubs as a way to make the lots more attractive to buyers. He understood the value of landscaping and, having worked with Kern on Forest Park, clearly recognized his abilities.

Pitzman's map of Forest Park is a large and magnificently illustrated piece of artwork produced to build public support for the park project. I wish Kern's contribution to the park's design had been acknowledged.

There are other tangential connections between the park, the times, the fort and the Square, but more than enough has been written here already.

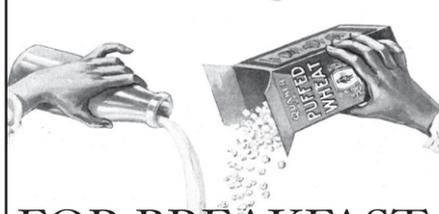
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October is busy for Lafayette Park UMC

By Debra Crowe
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

October brings brisk nights, colorful foliage and some of Lafayette Park UMC's most popular annual events. First up is the Fall Rummage Sale. Presented by the United Methodist Women, this bountiful bonanza of clothing, household items, gifts and toys is a great way to get a jump on your Christmas shopping.

This year's sale is being held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 2, and from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 3. Already priced to move, the bargains are even better on Saturday when all items that will fit into one bag (available at the sale) are just \$1! The Rummage Sale will be held in Fellowship Hall on the lower level. All proceeds go to the benefit of Lafayette

Park United Methodist Church.

On Oct. 10, listen carefully and you just might hear the rumble and roar of a really big truck delivering hundreds of pumpkins to Lafayette Park UMC for its annual Pumpkin Patch. Delivery is scheduled for 9 a.m.

If you'd like to spend a fun morning outside in the fresh air and sunshine, come on over and get in the pumpkin brigade that forms at the back of the truck to unload the pumpkins and place them around the parking lot. That space will then be transformed by straw bales; big, not-so-big and *really big* orange globes; and various decorative elements into a fun venue for people of all ages.

If you're feeling creative, come to the church at 8 a.m. to contribute to the design of the Patch and a straw maze. It's a great way to start your weekend, to spend time with neighbors and to make a few new friends. While you're there, be sure to pick out a pumpkin or two for decorating inside and for a jack-o-lantern outside.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open through Oct. 31. On Oct. 17, the Patch will be the site of the Children's Fall Fun Fest. Held from 10 a.m. to noon, it features face painting, games and refreshments. Everyone is welcome! In addition to family and friends, bring the family's best friend for the Blessing of the Animals. Following the Fun Fest, at 1 p.m., the service in honor of all creatures great and small will be celebrated. Dogs, cats, hamsters, bunnies and all special friends are welcome!

Oct. 17 is a big day at LPUMC. It is capped off with "Are You Smarter Than a Youth?" Trivia Night to benefit The Gospel Rockers youth group. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the competition commences at 7. Mulligans will be available for purchase. Raffles and a silent auction will be featured. Soda and popcorn will be provided while supplies last.

Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks and drinks as well. (No alcohol, please.) This is an adult-only event. Cost is \$10 per person

or \$80 per table of eight. Space is limited. To make a reservation, please email Chad Johnson, youth director, at lp youth@sbcglobal.net. For more information, call 776-4447.

Autumn is back-to-school time in more ways than one. Sunday School has resumed at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church. Tots through fifth graders are invited to learn from the stories of the Bible each Sunday morning from 9 to 9:50 a.m. In addition to hearing them, the children will experience the stories through drama, cooking, dance, music and art. Classes will meet in the Education Room just off Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church. Middle school and high school youth will explore issues of life and faith through movies. This group meets in the Chapel, also off Fellowship Hall, on Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:50 a.m.

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Oktoberfest returns to Soulard Oct. 9-11

Fall is made for festivals — and nothing ushers in autumn like a harvest celebration amply stocked with beer and brats. The Soulard Oktoberfest promises to bring a taste of Munich to St. Louis with a plethora of authentic German cuisine, events and entertainment Oct. 9 through 11 to celebrate the centuries-old festival.

O'zapft ist! The traditional cheer that heralds the ceremonial tapping of the keg to mark the onset of Oktoberfest will soon be heard once again throughout the streets of Soulard. And this fall, there's even more reason to celebrate. After months of controversy over the location of the festival, the Soulard Oktoberfest will remain in Soulard Market Park on the corners of Eighth and Lafayette streets.

Talk of moving the festival out of Soulard started brewing last year when Alderwoman Phyllis Young insisted that the annual festival, which attracts crowds of more than 40,000, had outgrown the neighborhood. She pressed to move the festival to Soldiers' Memo-

rial Plaza downtown.

But hundreds of neighborhood residents and dozens of local businesses and Soulard Market vendors, along with the Soulard Business Association and Soulard Restoration Group, vocalized their support for Oktoberfest and favor keeping the festival in Soulard.

So for now, Oktoberfest will still call Soulard home. Festival organizers are working with Young to address traffic issues and other concerns, including providing free shuttle service every half hour (during festival hours) from the Busch Stadium MetroLink Station to Soulard.

The non-profit festival has helped community non-profit organizations to raise \$60,000 over the past five years and more than \$130,000 for city of St. Louis businesses over the past three years, reports the organization.

"Soulard offers the perfect venue for Oktoberfest because the festival exemplifies the fun, fellowship and camaraderie that makes Soulard such a vibrant neighborhood," explains Okto-

berfest spokesperson Victor Wendl. "We are thrilled to be celebrating the sixth annual Soulard Oktoberfest in Soulard, and we look forward to making significant contributions and to continuing our strong relationships with the Soulard neighborhood, businesses and non-profit groups for years to come."

Experience authentic German cuisine

From roasted *schweinshaxe* to *wies'n hendl*, the 2009 Soulard Oktoberfest showcases the authentic Oktoberfest recipes that have been staples of the famous Munich festival for nearly 200 years.

"We've really elevated the authenticity of the festival this year with the offering of true, traditional German Oktoberfest cuisine," Wendl explains. "The combination of traditional Oktoberfest food and the first-class entertainment acts flying in from Germany will really make this an authentic Munich Oktoberfest right in

our own backyard."

The Soulard Oktoberfest honors the German tradition that began 175 years ago in Munich when the Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. Citizens were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the royal event.

"Soulard and St. Louis are steeped in German heritage," explains Wendl, whose great-grandfather founded the German Cultural Society in St. Louis to preserve and advance German culture and customs. "Oktoberfest offers the perfect opportunity to spotlight the impact German culture has had on the history, architecture and vibrancy of St. Louis."

In keeping with the Munich tradition, the Soulard Oktoberfest will offer an array of classic Oktoberfest dishes prepared by internationally acclaimed Alsatian chefs as well as local German restaurants and community groups.

This year, gourmet chefs from the Alsatian Club in New York City will travel to St. Louis to prepare authentic German cuisine, including *flammekueche*, for the Soulard Oktoberfest and the Taste of St. Louis, held at Soldiers' Memorial Field Oct. 2 through 4.

The European chefs will prepare *flammekueche*, thin bread dough spread with *crème fraîche* and topped with bacon and onions. *Flammekueche* was traditionally baked by German farmers' wives who used the expiring coals of the day's bread-baking to give the dish a characteristic char on the edges. This traditional Alsatian pizza-like dish makes an irresistible starter to share during family meals.

With a border that edges southwestern Germany, Alsace cuisine is renowned for balancing robust German gastronomy and subtle French flavors. The region has shifted back and forth between France and Germany for most of its history, and a German influence still remains prominent in the region's cuisine.

It wouldn't be an authentic German Oktoberfest celebration without *schweinshaxe* — pork knuckles. Especially popular in Bavaria, *schweinshaxe* is one of the many simple but deeply satisfying dishes available at the Soulard Oktoberfest. A classic side dish with *schweinshaxe*, traditional German potato salad is served warm with a smattering of bacon.

"The recipes featured at the Soulard Oktoberfest have been passed down from generations of German families," says Wendl, who has attended numerous festivals in Germany. "All of the food prepared for this year's festival has been rigorously tested by Bavarian members of the Soulard Oktoberfest committee."

Kenrick's Meat Market and Catering, one of the city's finest butcher shops, will also prepare *wies'n hendl*, parsley-stuffed chicken basted with butter, sprinkled with salt and cooked on a rotisserie. Kenrick's will also provide open-grilled bratwurst cooked under coal and served with fresh homemade sauerkraut and mild hot mustard imported from Germany.

Other Oktoberfest cuisine highlights include Bavarian soft pretzels imported by Piller Gourmet Pretzels in Munich and thousands of classic potato pancakes cooked up by the Millstadt Sisters.

For dessert, the Soulard Coffee Garden will serve traditional *apfel strudel* (apple strudel), a longtime Bavarian delicacy and the most popular strudel in the

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FROM NEW MADRID TO CLAVERACH

HOW AN EARTHQUAKE SPAWNED A ST. LOUIS SUBURB

BY JAMES W. SHERBY

When the earthquakes of 1811-1812 hit the New Madrid fault along the border of Spanish and French-settled St. Louis, the Mississippi River changed not only its course, but also many lives. Due to the disaster, the state border between Missouri and Illinois shifted, so that acres of Missouri property had switched to the Illinois side of the newly coursed river. Those who lost their land were subsequently issued certificates to claim unincorporated land westward of the river. James Sherby tracks certificate number 465, from slavery-riddled farmland to St. Louis County's most highly valued property, Claverach. The development of this Clayton, Missouri neighborhood and the lives that it touched up until 1930 are detailed in this narrative along with a rich collection of photographs illustrating Claverach's rich history.

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region. And Joe Haas Bakeries will bake traditional German strudel.

Roemer Topf Restaurant will feature a German beef dish and spaetzle, a dish of noodles made with flour, eggs, salt and milk. In Germany, spaetzle is served as a side dish much like potatoes or rice. The family-owned restaurant in Mascoutah, Ill., specializes in authentic German, Austrian and European cuisine.

Cinnamon-roasted homemade Bavarian cashews and pecans will also make an appearance.

The 2009 Soulard Oktoberfest will serve up: 10,000 brats, 3,700 Bavarian pretzels, 3,000 potato pancakes, 1,500 *hendls* (roasted chickens), 1,000 *sche-weinshaxe* and 900 kegs of beer. *Prost!*

Festival founder John McKinstry adds that people travel from around the nation to partake in the Soulard Oktoberfest — the fastest growing Oktoberfest in America — because it provides a unique opportunity to experience German culture as well as the chance to enjoy the specialty restaurants and bars that line the spirited Soulard neighborhood.

"The Soulard Oktoberfest is a great way to honor and celebrate our city's German roots and heritage," McKinstry says. "The authentic German food, accompanied with beers by German brewers and Anheuser-Busch, along with dozens of traditional German style micro-

brews and homebrews, truly make this a traditional Oktoberfest celebration."

Music, tents and events

The 2009 Soulard Oktoberfest will feature four main tents — Budweiser, Beck's, Hofbrau Bier and Spaten — along with the addition of the St. Louis Pro-Am Brew-Off, which will showcase a homebrew contest and samples of more than 30 varieties of microbrews and homebrews by the St. Louis Brews, the Garage Brewers Society and other brewers from across the Midwest.

"The Soulard Oktoberfest offers the chance to experience the science and culinary art of home brewing," says Dan Stauder, president of the St. Louis Brews, the local brewing group organizing the festival's brew-off. "This festival offers the perfect venue to sample traditional German-style beers as well as a great way to introduce people to the art of home brewing. Historically, Oktoberfest festivals have centered around beer — and the Soulard Oktoberfest is truly a celebration of great beer!"

Oktoberfest celebrations are all about beer and music. This fall, the Soulard Oktoberfest will feature an impressive musical line-up of 14 bands and more than 30 performers, including Grammy winner Brave Combo's polka

punk-rock, the lively partyfest sounds of Obenheimer Express and the Austrian Express, who all will perform on the newly added Super Jäger Stage. And blues fans can catch the legendary Soulard Blues Band Revue at 3 p.m. Oct. 11.

The Hohenthanner Hopfenmusikanten, a 33-member traditional brass band from Bavaria will participate in the opening ceremony with the official tapping of the first keg, a 200-liter hand-crafted keg with an authentic mallet, honoring the centuries-old German festival tradition. City officials, festival founders and local celebrities will kick off the three-day festival with the annual color guard flag ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 9.

Other festival events include:

- The Tums' Sausage Eating Contest at 2 p.m. Oct. 10, with live broadcast from 105.7 The Point at Anheuser-Busch Platz;
- Beer Stein Holding Contest, in which contestants can compete for two tickets to a Chicago Bulls home game, at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Spaten Tent;
- Juggling and balloon creation by "Gator," the Soulard Oktoberfest oversized lederhosen-wearing mascot; and
- The crowning of Miss Soulard Oktoberfest at 2 p.m. Oct. 10, in the Hofbrau Tent.

For a detailed list of events, times and

locations, go to www.soulardoktoberfest.com.

In addition to authentic cultural events, there will be lots of affordable family fun at Oktoberfest. Kids can play all day (for a \$5 admission fee) at the Kretschmar's Kids Karneval, which will feature inflatable carnival rides, face painting and washable tattoos at the Soulard Market Playground. Families can also peruse the fine art featured at the Soulard Art Market show in the Soulard Market Pavilion.

The historic Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a German mass, featuring a brass band and the Deutscher Maennerchor — who will perform sections of Composer Franz Peter Schubert's Mass in German — at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 11, at the church, located at 1805 S. Eighth St. The German service is part of the congregation's 170th anniversary celebration, marking the arrival of Saxon immigrants in St. Louis from Dresden, Germany, in 1839.

"Families can enjoy a great time for less than half the cost of a baseball game," explains festival founder John McKinstry.

"The Soulard Oktoberfest is one of the most authentic and affordable festivals in the Midwest and a great way to celebrate our city's German heritage. And remember, 'In heaven, there is no beer, but in Soulard it's all here.'"

Marbles exhibit to mark Berlin Wall anniversary

By Julia Werner
Marquis contributor

To some, the Berlin Wall represents little more than a page in a history book. But to many others it remains an extremely powerful and emotional symbol of communistic repression during the Cold War. To photographer Theresa Marshall, the Berlin Wall is a beacon of change, and her exhibit *Pieces of Berlin* is a testament to the transformation of both the city and herself.

Marshall first traveled to Berlin in 1984, during her time in the armed forces. When she left in 1987 at age 22, she had many memorable experiences and a new outlook on life to take with her.

"I left Berlin knowing I would return, it was a part of who I was now," Marshall wrote in her artist's statement. "I did return three times and although I took back with me images of a transforming city each time, it was my first trip back in the summer of 1990 that I was able to capture Berlin in the throes of change through photographs."

The change came when the western borders reopened in November of 1989, and the city of Berlin was in a state of turmoil. Crowds swarmed the wall and began physically tearing down the political landmark, marking the beginning of the reunification of Germany. It was a time of celebration, chaos and freedom.

"The images not only show the true-ness of the Wall's existence but the people and the places that surrounded it," Marshall wrote. "Images of hope and beauty, of life and love, of children dancing in a courtyard or a solitary woman pausing in a city of interna-

tional éclair. But they also depict a past of despair and sadness and indifference. You'll see life within a city from my eyes through your eyes, and perhaps your eyes will widen to the depth of others."

Now on the 20th anniversary of the wall's collapse, Marbles Gallery presents the opening of *Pieces of Berlin* from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Marbles Yoga Studio and Art Gallery, 1905 Park Ave. in Lafayette Square. The show runs through Nov. 30.

"My goal was merely to document what I saw in a city that has become very close to me," Marshall wrote. "Not only because it is and will always be a part of my history but because of how its history became a part of me."

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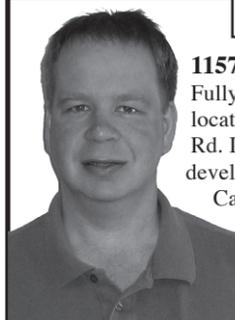
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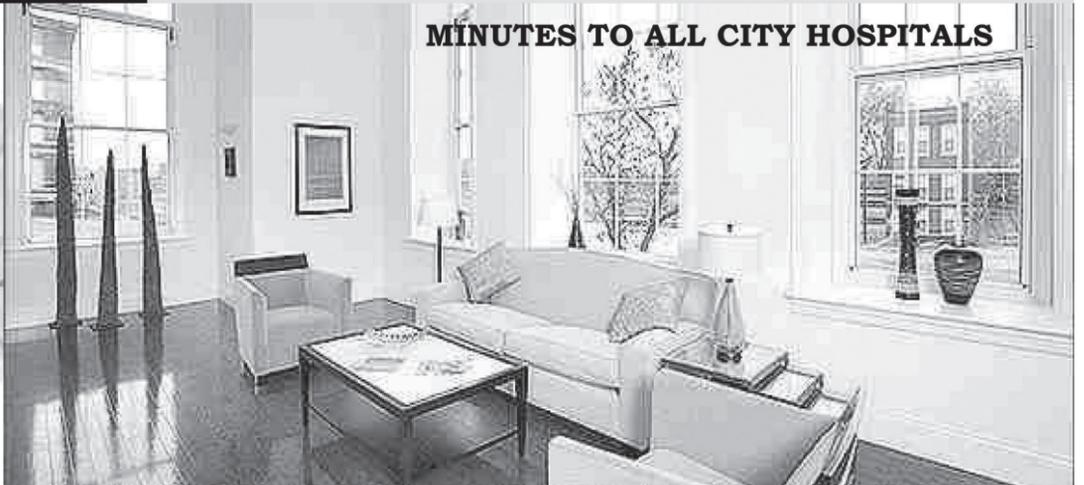


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September LSRC membership meeting minutes

MINUTES FOR SEPT. 8, 2009 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 75 residents in attendance. President Don Terrill called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the August meeting minutes.

Announcements

City of St Louis Charter School Liaison — Robbyn Wahby is the executive assistant of education for the office of the mayor. Ms. Wahby presented the city's perspective and role in supporting the charter school movement in the city while balancing the academic objectives of both the St. Louis Public School District and charter schools. She can be reached at 622-3746 or wahby@stlouis-city.com.

Committee reports

Safety — There are youth coming from near Peabody and the neighborhood behind the fire station on Jefferson that are causing issues. Neighbors are encouraged to call 911 if you see groups of youth in the neighborhood so the police have the opportunity to observe their behavior and discover their motives for being in the neighborhood.

Officer Elston presented crime stats with all numbers down, with the exception of car cloutings that continue to be an issue in the entire city plus an increase in bicycle theft. There was one robbery and a burglary (twice at

the same business). He recommended that everyone be aware of his or her surroundings at all times. Leave one hand open and accessible when you're coming home with packages so that you stay in control of the situation.

Arts Council — Sept. 12 is the last concert of the season. The Arts Council (sponsor of the Summer Concert Series and Movies in the Park) is only \$1,800 behind its goal of \$20,000 for the season. The last Movie in the Park is Sept. 19, featuring the USO as the focus charity for the event.

Community Affairs — Liz Lohman announced that new directories were available to be picked up. They'll be at the next monthly meeting too.

Holiday House Tour — Terry Linhardt is soliciting docents for homes for the Dec. 13 Holiday House Tour.

Bylaws — The bylaws task force is meeting from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Park House.

Development — There was no August meeting for the development committee. The demolition permit for 1620-1624 Dolman (Zumwalt buildings) was denied by the city. The home at 1724 Preston collapsed during restoration and has been razed.

Finance — Sue Linhardt reported that we have \$149,000 in our accounts. We're at \$50,000 in income (80 percent of budget) and at \$30,000 in expenditures (50 percent of budget). Holiday House Tour income and expenses are still to come in December. \$4,000 was allocated to Beautification and they are

\$300 short. The membership voted to approve the additional funds requested.

Gazebo update — Ribbon cutting is scheduled for Oct. 16 depending on the mayor's schedule.

Lafayette Park Conservancy — An adult Halloween party benefiting the Boat House will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight Oct. 31. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for LPC members). The LPC received an \$8,000 grant to take a tree inventory of the park and develop a management plan. A new pad for the cannon and carriage are in place. Waiting for the installation. The Pathways committee is finalizing the estimate for the restoration of the paths in the park. Additional information will be presented at the October meeting.

Old business

Historic Walk committee — The membership approved the following motion by a vote of 37 Yes, 3 No and 1 Abstention:

"The LSRC designate \$3,300 from the unreserved fund balance to fund the initial phase of the Historic Walk. This is in addition to the \$1,200 donated by the TIF Board for the concrete work."

The total projected project cost for phase one of the walking tour, including plaque, audio tour and brochure, is now \$5,500 (\$3,300 requested + \$1,200 TIF Board + \$1,000 LSRC donation in August meeting).

Implementation is scheduled for late September.

LSRC elections — The September general membership meeting is the deadline to complete finalization of the slate

of candidates in time for the October elections. The slate of candidates is as follows:

VP/President-elect: Liz Lohman
VP Development: Houston Smith
Membership Secretary: Jeff Jensen
Treasurer-elect: Larry Dodd

Members-at-large: Pete Peters, Chelia Holmes, and Todd Rohman

Development Committee chair: Shane Nelson

The VP Community Affairs and board secretary slots are still open.

Meeting schedule

The Development Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Park House.

The Capital Projects Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Park House.

The LSRC Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 in the Park House.

The LSRC General Membership will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 13 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The after-meeting social was hosted by J. Walter Scott at 1805 Lafayette. Please meet and mingle with your neighbors immediately following the meeting. Many thanks to our host!

Special note: Alan Loehr and Sue Ferrano will be hosting a special Halloween-themed social after the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Jensen,
membership secretary

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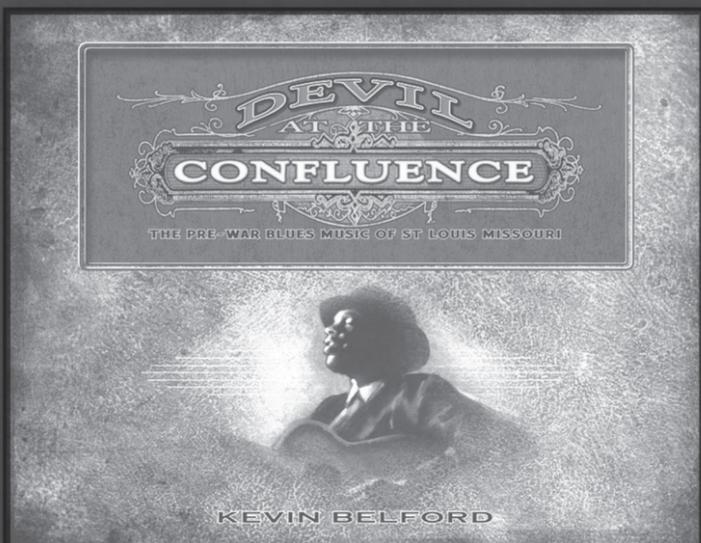


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