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The Lafayette Square Business Association and the Arts Council of Lafayette Park present the Taste of Lafayette Square to be held Saturday, Sept. 10, in Lafayette Park, at Mississippi and Lafayette avenues. Admission to the event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., is free.

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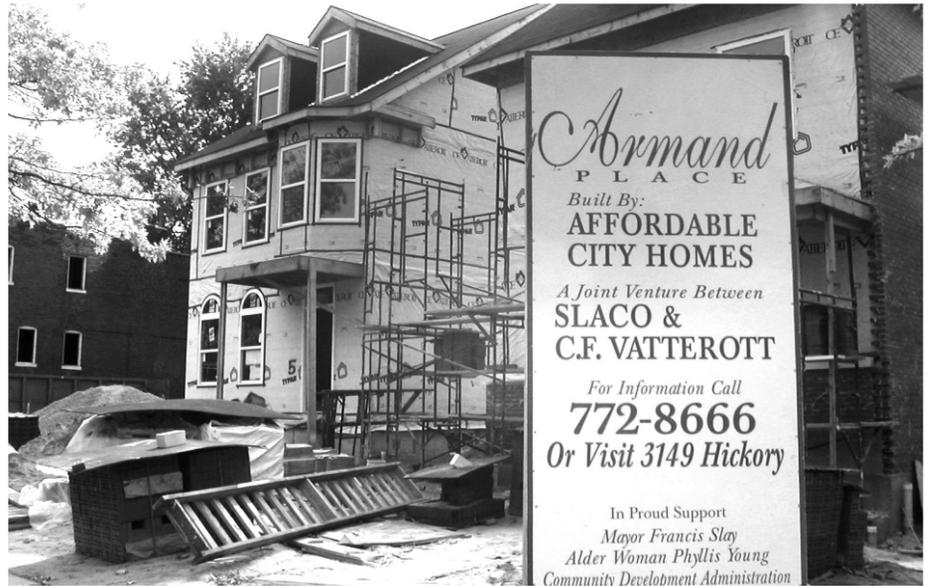
New homes fill in vacant lots

By Stacey Rynders
Marquis Contributor

The neighborhoods of Fox Park and McKinley Heights currently are home to a 30-home, single-family building project headed by the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO). The revitalization effort is part of a sustainable neighborhoods project that targets rehabbing substandard properties and in this case vacant lots.

The lots for development are scattered between the two neighborhoods with 16 located within Fox Park and 14 located within McKinley Heights. The resulting 3-bedroom homes will run 1,564 square feet with the starting cost at \$189,500 in Fox Park and \$216,200 in McKinley Heights. Each home will include 2-1/2 baths as well as a detached two-car garage.

"Both neighborhoods are pretty much in tact," said Gina Ryan, SLACO executive director. In Fox Park, houses will be located on Armand Place, Acomac, Jefferson Avenue, and Ann Avenue, among other locations. In McKinley Heights, there is a cluster of developments scheduled at Shenandoah and Indiana avenues on the lot that formerly



Eric Winters photo

Two homes on Jefferson are currently under construction as a part of the SLACO and C.F. Vatterott partnership for single-family housing in Fox Park and McKinley Heights neighborhoods.

housed Charless School.

Started a year ago, the project focused first on the 2600 block of Armand Place with the first three buildings already built, sold, and occupied, Ryan said.

"[Ward 7 Alderman Phyllis Young] wanted to have a giant impact on one block," said Ryan.

After a delay due to historic building code modifications, Ryan expects the two show homes for the development project to be complete and open to the public as soon as October. The new show homes will be located at 2201 and 2205 South Jefferson Avenue. For now, those

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Gate District celebrates National Night Out

By Joan M. Thomas
Gate District

The din of friendly voices mingled with the soulful, yet groovy, selections provided by the band, One Kindred Soul, filled the warm St. Louis summer evening air at this year's Gate District National Night Out. On Aug. 2, easy smiles on the faces of adults and children alike confirmed the unqualified success of the second such event to include all four of the district's neighborhoods.

An association of property owners, the Gate District comprises the neighborhoods of Eads Park, Buder Park, Lafayette Terrace and St. Vincent Park. The entire area is bordered by Jefferson Avenue, I-44, Compton Avenue and (just south of) Chouteau. A large crowd of its residents partook of this year's festivities held at Eads Park near Hodgen School.

Heightening the nighttime pleasantries, head barbecue chef William Hampton of Buder Park manned the huge

grill provided by the St. Louis Fire Department. At evening's end, little remained of the numerous hot dogs and hamburgers he seared to perfection. Accompanying the all-American sandwiches, chips, homemade salads, cakes and cookies, and sundry soft drinks satisfied the palates of the hungry masses.



Joan M. Thomas photo

Attendees at the Gate District National Night Out party socialize and enjoy the music of One Kindred Soul.

For the very young, and the young at heart, an affable clown-costumed woman painted kaleidoscopic designs on the faces of anyone who asked — Gate District President Judy Ferber eagerly became one of the first to sport a colorful flower on her right cheek. Nearby, youngsters happily played in the jump and slide blowup brought in for the night. Additionally, a snow cone stand, a health-screening table and a neighborhood signup table lined the perimeter of the temporary seating area.

As part of the evening's festivities, several drawings yielded some terrific attendance prizes. Those with winning numbers not only had a great time at the Night Out, they also went home with such

treasures as Cardinal baseball tickets, a case of beer, fire department tee shirts or Clayton on the Park hotel accommodations.

And without the diligence and resourceful efforts of Eads Park's Lonnie Hughes, the whole thing might still be just one of those terrific ideas that never materializes. Battalion Chief for the St. Louis Fire Department's Fifth District, Hughes was the moving force in organizing the first such event in 2004. In spite of the fact that it occurred on one of those legendary sweltering St. Louis August nights, everyone in attendance fully enjoyed themselves. So, building

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Gala at the Grotto to raise funds for park

By Carolyn Willmore
Lafayette Square

On Oct. 1, the Lafayette Park Conservancy will host the First Annual Gala at the Grotto. The primary purpose of this event is to honor those who have contributed significantly to Lafayette Park's beauty and restoration. All funds raised at the event will be used by the Conservancy to implement the Master Plan created by the residents of the area and the City of St. Louis.

The Gala will be held at the historic Grotto on the Mississippi side of the park, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event includes hors d'oeuvres, beverages and dessert. Stroll through the award-winning Grotto gardens and enjoy live music. Victorian or cocktail attire is suggested. Tickets for the Gala are \$50.00 per person. Deadline for ordering tickets is Sept. 21.

A silent auction will be part of the evening's activities. The auction committee is looking for donations of art, music, skills you can teach to others like a cooking or crafts class, a special dinner, a mini-tour, a weekend at a time-share property, or any special item you can donate. Contact Susan Sauer at 314-865-2566 or susan_sauer@sbcglobal.net

For tickets, complete and mail the form on page 2 to the Lafayette Park Conservancy.

Photos from Fox Park's National Night Out Celebration can be found on page 4.

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Square thrives on volunteers

By Jim Willmore
LSRC President

Most of us live in this remarkable historic neighborhood voluntarily, some by chance; a botanical volunteer is a cultivated plant growing from accidentally dropped seed. Not unlike the United States Army, the LSRC is "All Volunteer."

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While unpaid workers, candy strippers and people manning the pledge phones are volunteers, our group serves more as an organization devoted to vigilance for the common good.

September is the time when the LSRC recognizes those who have served our community with distinction. I hope all of you will join me at the annual President's Awards dinner at the Gast Haus on Sept. 18.

Come out for 'Tour de Lafayette' race

By Beth Trapp
Lafayette Square

Going out of town for Labor Day Weekend? Hold off those travel plans until Saturday morning because the 6th Annual Tour de Lafayette Bicycle Race takes to the streets Friday night, Sept. 2. This is a one-of-a-kind event for the Midwest. Only three other nighttime professional bike races exist in the nation besides the Tour de Lafayette. Some call it a bike race, others call it a street party. And it happens in our own neighborhood!

Where else can you see the nation's top cyclists? Bike-racing professionals come from all over the country to race and sweat hard at the Tour de Lafayette, as crowds of spectators cheer them on. When the sun goes down and the streetlights illuminate, the racers will set off putting their hard training to the test!

The Tour de Lafayette attracts local cyclists too! Year after year men, women, and juniors show up to race in this cycling competition. St. Louis

cyclists have real talent! And, before the serious bike racing begins, spectators get to watch the neighborhood kids race! Parents can sign up their children beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday. These races begin at 5:30 p.m., and there are seven categories from big wheels and tricycles, training wheels, ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

Don't know much about cycling? Don't sweat it because there is more to this event than just bike racing. This year, Michelob Ultra is bringing in their traveling tasting room for spectators to enjoy as they take in the races. Thirsty and hungry? Grab dinner at nearby restaurant or sample tasteful treats on site from SqWires, Eleven Eleven, or Fallen Angel BBQ. All while catching a glimpse of bike racers zipping by.

So, be sure to stick around town Friday, Sept. 2 so that you can experience the Tour de Lafayette Bicycle Race. The races begin at 6 p.m. in Lafayette Square. This race promises to offer an evening chock full of fun, entertainment, and premium bike-racing.



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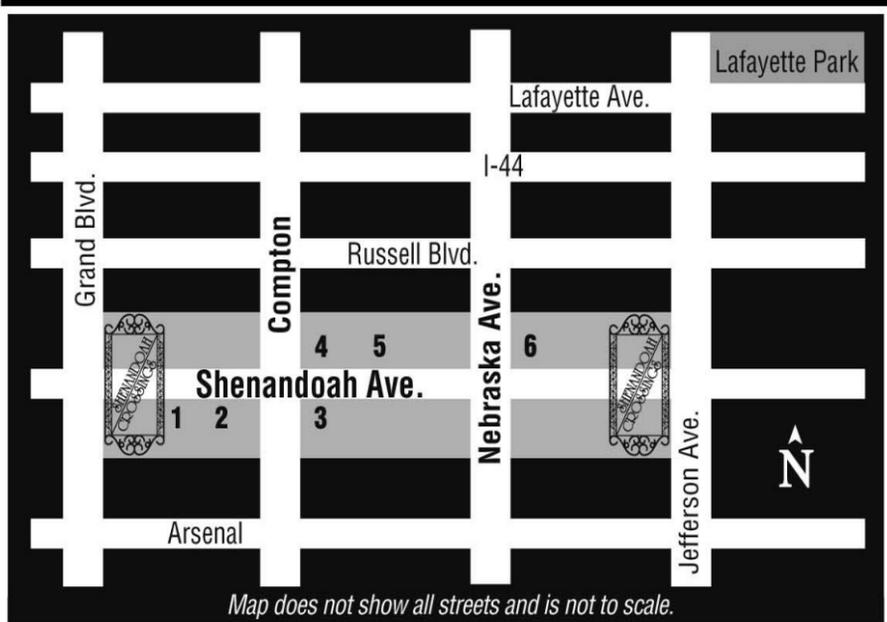
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interested in the development can visit SLACO's current show home in Buder Place, which is open daily from noon to 5 p.m. and home to the organization's most recently completed development project.

SLACO, a 25-year-old coalition of city neighborhood associations and churches, has earned a solid reputation in St. Louis city redevelopment following projects in the Gate District, the Hamilton Heights neighborhood, and the Etzel Place Apartments on the north side of the West End neighborhood. So much of a reputation, that it was Ward 7 Alderman Phyllis Young that approached SLACO about becoming involved in the project.

"We were invited to look at the development by Alderman Phyllis Young," said Ryan.

"I thought if we could fill in some vacant city lots, then we could get the momentum going," said Young, whose interest was to see more rehabbers and developers focusing on the McKinley Heights and Fox Park neighborhoods.

Both neighborhoods have, in recent

years, been hotbeds for renovations, attracting new homeowners, endorsing new businesses, and prompting improvements to the park. Not surprisingly, these two neighborhoods are key areas for Young. "My goal has been to connect the neighborhoods between the riverfront and Grand Avenue and for them to be successful, thriving neighborhoods," said Young.

Already Fox Park is creating a palpable pulse in the area, initiating "Shenandoah Crossings," a growing four-block business district that includes popular destination spots such as Van Gogh's Martini Bar and Bistro, Shugga's Coffee House Café, and Tanner B's Food and Spirits. At the Aug. 18 dedication of the neighborhood banners, Young spoke excitedly about how the façade program that sponsored the banners was a great resource for building neighborhood identity and community.

In addition to SLACO's development project in McKinley Heights and Fox Park, Young has attracted Renaissance, Historic Homes and City Lights Development companies, among others, to the neighborhoods.

"There's just a lot going on," said Young. "I think it's indicative of what is happening in McKinley Heights and Fox Park, and that's a lot of work going on."

SLACO partnered with Charles F. Vatterott Construction in 1985 with the objective of rebuilding city neighborhoods, said Ryan. The two organizations created the joint venture, Affordable City Homes, Inc., as the developing body of their projects. On all the projects, SLACO acts as a coordinating body between rehabbers, politicians, architects, and other groups involved. While this development does not have any grant funding to coordinate, SLACO acts as a liaison between Young, the architectural firm A Lawrence Group, Charles F. Vatterott Construction and Affordable City Homes.

National Night Out

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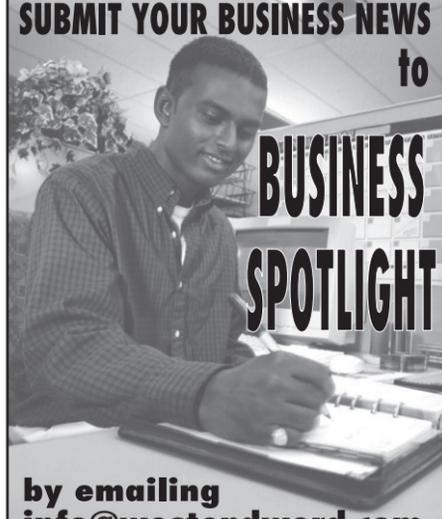
on that experience, Hughes and a group of neighborhood volunteers, aided by decent weather conditions, made the 2005 Night Out a memorable occasion. The following day, St. Vincent Park Neighborhood Association President Steve Zeiger reported getting a flood of constituency email conveying hearty appreciation for the affair.

The lure of newly constructed homes, as well as newly renovated vintage homes, accounts for the large number of new Gate District residents. A combined neighborhood National Night Out provides a perfect opportunity for socializing with

a variety of Gate District residents, and molding the foundation for a solid community. Toward the close of this year's event, a wildly energetic fiddle solo by a One Kindred Soul member got the eclectic mix of attendees toe tapping in unison. People of every age, social and economic level couldn't resist the unbridled joy emitted by the talented musician's finale.

Wrapping things up, enthusiastic volunteers pitched in to clean up. By the next morning, one would never guess that such a big crowd of neighbors shared food and pleasantries there just a few hours earlier. That's the sort of cooperative spirit that builds enduring communities. No doubt, everyone is looking forward to next year's Night Out.

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National Night Out in Fox Park

On Tuesday, August 2nd, The St Louis Fox Park Neighborhood Association hosted its Annual National Night Out festivities at Fox Park, located two blocks west of Jefferson Avenue on Shenandoah Avenue in south St Louis City. More than 150 people attended the event, including representatives from the St. Louis Police Department.

This year's events featured a variety of attractions including face painting, story book reading for children 5 and under, games for all the kids, a puppet show for younger children, and the movie "Shrek." Back to school supplies were purchased for neighborhood children with the support of Blue Shutters Development, Title Partners, STL Agent Team, Infinity Mortgage, and Prudential Alliance Realtors.



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'South City Cathedral' begins new chapter

By Stacey Rynders
Marquis Contributor

If there is a gauge by which to judge the City of St. Louis' uphill battle toward revitalization and sustainability, then it might well be St. Frances de Sales Oratory, frequently referred to as the South City Cathedral.

Built in 1895 at the edge of the Fox Park Neighborhood, St. Frances de Sales stands out at the massive crossroads of Ohio, Gravois and Lynch — as equally formidable as innocuous. From the outside, only its size is striking, yet even this is somehow easily underestimated at first glance.

Yet within its walls is arguably one of St. Louis' most beautiful churches. Done in neo-gothic style, the church boasts intricately decorated, towering ceilings, ornately painted walls, a luscious altar, elegantly long and colorful stained-glass windows, stone and hardwood floors, and a tremendous and powerful organ from 1924, among its many assets.

The grounds, most of an entire block, include a rectory of sizable proportions, a grade school, a high school, a gym and a convent — the majority of which have been many years vacant.

The church, nearly cathedral in scale and once home to a bishop, has suffered, with the city, the unfortunate exodus and decline. And again like the city, the survival of St. Frances de Sales is questionable, with an estimated \$2 million required for structural repairs of the church building alone. One of the building's biggest ailments is that the bell tower is splitting away from the structure. At this time, there are no estimates for the cost of the building's necessary interior renovations, nor any of the other work required on other structures occupying the property.

But with the controversial reassessment of south city Roman Catholic churches, St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke strategically, and perhaps providentially, installed the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, a Roman Catholic "society of apostolic life" begun in 1990, and one man at the helm of this particularly daunting endeavor, Father Karl Lenhardt.

"I think it is a great chance," said Father Lenhardt. "Some say it's a last chance for the building. One of my first wishes would be to restore the clock as a symbol that life comes back."

Symbolically and coincidentally, one of the Institute's three patron saints is St. Frances de Sales.

The Institute, formerly housed at St. Agatha's on South Ninth Street, has brought its loyal following with it, filling pews with more than 500 people at a Sunday high mass and about 250 at the 8 a.m. service, said Father Lenhardt. With the institute's installation on July 1, 2005, St. Frances de Sales became possibly the largest home to one of the few remaining Latin masses in the world.

In addition, the conversion of St. Frances de Sales from a church to an oratory that provides sacraments adds a new dimension to the Roman Catholic presence in the St. Louis region. An oratory is a Roman Catholic congregation of secular priests organized in an independent community - The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, in this case.

Father Lenhardt anticipates participation numbers to grow as more and more interested people from various states and other municipalities gravitate toward the institute and the Latin mass.

Unlike most churches, the oratory does



Stacey Rynders photo

St. Frances de Sales

not draw parishioners from its neighborhood — at least not yet. Lenhardt said that with each passing day the number of phone calls and emails from interested parishioners grows — many seeking homes in the neighborhood, solely to be in closer vicinity to the church.

The neighborhood itself could also be seen as an impediment, though at the moment does not appear to be. Not surprisingly, it too requires revitalization. Yet, it is the need for adequate parking to accommodate the numerous attendants that is proving to be a greater immediate issue for Father Lenhardt.

But Father Lenhardt is optimistic and undaunted. In fact, he believes that in the future St. Frances de Sales will become as big a draw as the St. Louis Cathedral is.

Father Lenhardt has experience in the restoration of churches. In his homeland of Germany, he orchestrated a major church rehabilitation project. Then, when he arrived in the United States less than a year ago, he assisted with the initial recovery of Shrine to the Divine Mercy in Chicago, a church slated for demolition because of fire damage. The renovation is estimated at \$6.1 million.

"I have a certain idea of what is going to happen," said Father Lenhardt.

While concerned about the financial foundation of the entire complex, including continued maintenance after restoration, Lenhardt has found the initial work and transition to be on a positive track.

"I'm very impressed with the fact that so many people from all over the city and other states want to help," said Father Lenhardt. "In Europe, we forget a little bit about our tradition. I enjoy very much that people here are more aware of their tradition — of what they brought with them when they came here."

"I'm very glad that the transition went so well," said Father Lenhardt. "It's a great joy. It's more than two parishes merging, but something new has been founded."

With the initial signs and sounds of recovery in the air surrounding St. Frances de Sales, its successful renovation might be at the center of an inspiring recovery for the neighborhood. And perhaps something new for St. Louis.

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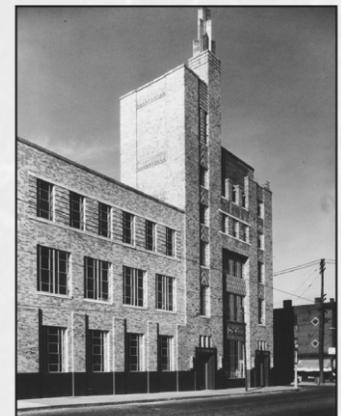
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New restaurant finds its 'niche' in Benton Park

Coming from a Missouri background, Gerard Ford Craft is no newcomer to the Midwest arena or the cooking arena for that matter. One of his grandfathers was president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and his father, Robert H. Craft, used to work on the railroads. His uncle John Williams, the producer of Shrek, was from St. Louis and still has family here.

If this isn't enough for this newcomer to announce to us St. Louisans that he should be allowed into the group, then how about the fact that his new American Bistro-styled restaurant, Niche, located at 1831 Sydney St. in Benton Park, will actually have one item on the menu at all times that is Anheuser-Busch based. Used either as an ingredient or soaked in the A-B product, such as the: Amber Bock Braised Lamb Shank. Craft, an experienced chef of seven years, certainly knows how to fit in and with the right people. Located just a few blocks from the brewery, Craft hopes to fill this niche with employees and A-B executives for lunch and dinner!

The trio: wife and financial director Susan, dear friend and now front-of-house manager Christian Schnurr, and chef Gerard Craft are the soul ingredients to Niche.

"Niche, truly is based on just that, a nice, comfortable space located in a beautiful and amazing location," explained Craft. Similar to a New York-style restau-

rant featured in SoHo or Downtown, you see the spaces filled, tables and bars crowded and packed, with still the best service and food. The best part about Craft is that he recognizes that eating out can be expensive so he wants to see people similar to himself coming in and getting a great meal at an affordable price. This trio expects Niche to give you more than what you're expecting or thinking you would get while dining out.

"The best part about our menu and great food is that you can experience three dishes all for about \$30. You're focusing on the fabulous food, service, and staying in a reasonable price range. You can talk up an experienced chef and a trendy place but if the food doesn't support the rest who's left standing?" expressed Craft.

Studying and working in some of the top restaurants in Deer Valley, Europe, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and more, has given Craft the knowledge of how to create this bistro and what his American Bistro menu will focus on. After all, he has prepared A-list meals for parties including: Val Kilmer, Leonardo DiCaprio, Anna Wintour (*Vogue* Editor), Uma Thurman to name a few.

Niche's menu begins with "To Nosh On" items starting at \$3, and moved "On to Bigger Things" such as a main dish you'll find on the menu: roasted chicken breast - tarragon gnocchi, roasted carrots,



Eric Winters photo

Niche, located at 1831 Sydney St., will bring a modern American Bistro to Benton Park neighborhood.

sherry cream (\$16) or Skirt Steak - fingerling potato, fried shallot and herb salad (\$20). They aren't fooling around with the desserts either as they're flying in well-known pastry chef Matthew Rice from The Metropolitan Restaurant in Salt Lake City. Another very metropolitan flared restaurant this chef will make simple desserts with a modern flair or twist.

Niche, might look small from the

outside but once inside you'll see how truly big this concept is. The presentation will leave you breathless and the innovation will soon transpire even more to do the same here. Seating 53 with 8 seats at the bar and 4 at the drink rail - which is also a new metropolitan, new city concept, Niche will soon be the place to be!

Niche expects to open after Labor Day. For more info, visit www.nichestl.com.

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Lafayette Square to showcase the beauty of our Victorian neighborhood.

We have eleven homes and are seeking to add one more. Please

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If you are interested in having your home on tour or volunteering please contact John Herlihy (jherlihy@purina.com) or Mary Ann Goodson (goodsons@sbcglobal.net).

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

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Tanner B's Downtown hosts Stray Rescue fundraiser

By Dan Brown
Compton Heights / Fox Park

Tanner B was an abandoned dog adopted by the Brown family in 2003. She is wonderfully gentle with the five-year-old of the family and his friends. She loves to run around with Buster, the cat. The cat chases her in laps around the back yard and follows along on daily walks around the neighborhood.

To support her as-yet-unadopted animal friends, Tanner B will be hosting a fundraiser at Tanner B's Downtown at lth & Pine on Sept. 15. Starting at 5:30, 15% of dinner revenues will be donated to the Stray Rescue of St. Louis.

The excessive heat wave this summer has taken a severe toll on street dogs. The heat, along with dehydration, has made the dogs very weak and easier than normal to rescue. Stray Rescue is currently caring for more than 150 dogs, up from the typical full capacity of 100 that they usually have in the system. Many are staying at a veterinary clinic and many foster parents have graciously taken in an extra one, two or three!

Each dog rescued requires a minimum of \$250 in medical care and costs increase dramatically when a dog is sick or injured. Stray Rescue needs extra help as the veterinarian fees are very high and at the same time, donations drop every

summer. In fact, every charitable organization experiences a decrease in support June through August. Although Stray Rescue is financially sound, extra help is needed at this time.

Stray Rescue's sole purpose is to rescue stray animals in need of medical attention, restore them to health, and place them in loving adoptive homes. Virtually all of the pets saved have been abused and neglected. They've been dumped on highways, or remote country roads and abandoned in public parks, empty houses and dark alleys. They have saved dogs left chained behind buildings after their owners had moved away.

Rescued animals often make the best

pets. Pets from Stray Rescue seem to understand that they have a second lease on life. In return for a little affection and attention, these remarkable animals reward their new owners with a love and loyalty unmatched anywhere.

Please join Stray Rescue at Tanner B's Downtown on Sept. 15 to help make a difference for our four-legged St. Louis friends.

For more information, call Dan Brown at 762-9800.

State representative shares thoughts on public education

By Robin Wright-Jones
State Representative, District 63

The institution of public education was founded on the need to educate the burgeoning ranks of freed slaves. Over time public education was embraced by legislatures throughout the country as a constitutional right of its citizenry. In today's educational market, public education is surrounded by competition, but is not faring well in its "sale-ability."

It is my belief that public education should be a valid choice of equal quality for the "shoppers" in the education marketplace. Though I embrace that competition is good, it concerns me that the loss of public education dollars to non-public institutions diminishes the resources for public education and the potential for delivery of a quality product.

There will always be a demand for public education or any public institution that serves the citizenry when it cannot serve itself. These institutions are free because they are supported by our tax dollars. We do ourselves a disservice when we do not demand that public education or any public institution is a viable choice for all.

The education of our citizenry is the greatest economic engine we can create for the State of Missouri. Our students must be able to compete in the global marketplace. We must attract industry that will keep them at home when they matriculate. We cannot allow public education to be dismantled or to die from benign neglect. I will continue to be a staunch supporter of public education. I will demand a quality, cost-effective product.



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Garden grows despite heat

By Linda Weiner
Lafayette Square

Quote of the Month:

Take Nature's vagaries and pranks in stride

Ruth Shaw Ernst

Summer weather takes it's toll on trees and other Living things

Whew! No rain, torrid temperatures, rain, rain, rain, torrid temperatures...we're all struggling to survive! Humans and their green spaces all look a little worse for the wear. We've lost a few trees but miraculously for the conditions, I'd say we're holding up, even the new plantings of trees and perennials along Park Avenue and Lafayette have, for the most part, survived. Many thanks to our watering volunteers and to automated sprinklers which are working fairly well.

Grants Submitted

Every year several gardeners submit grants for spring bulbs and other plant material for various locations around the Square. These grants are administered by Operation Brightside and are funded by area businesses and by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Count on Ruth Kamphoefner, Rebecca Wright and me to "round you up" this fall when the plants arrive!



Linda Weiner photo

Willie Obermoeller picks up some mulch at the Lafayette Square Community Garden. He's "caught the gardening bug" even in this heat!

Community Garden Task Force Update

Following a meeting in early August, the Lafayette Square Community Garden Taskforce decided to continue to await word about the availability of the orchard area north of the garden's current location as a possible permanent home for the garden before deciding on another straw vote. We will keep you updated.

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PEEK INTO THE PAST: LOST HOMES OF INTERSTATE 44

by Cara Jensen

In 1950, the population of St. Louis peaked at 856,000. The city could not grow beyond its fixed borders, and much of the housing stock had been neglected. The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 paved the way for suburban development and facilitated the population's westward expansion. The construction of Interstate 44 cut block-wide swaths through St. Louis city neighborhoods, permanently altering the landscape and changing the very identity of each community. Thankfully, this loss prompted the genesis of historical preservation legislation in St. Louis and emphasized the importance of community stewardship. Here are a few memories of those lost homes of I-44:

born William Bodeman, president and owner of Wm. Bodeman & Co.'s Tobacco. In 1873, St. Louis was the largest chewing and pipe tobacco processor in the United States. By 1890, St. Louis hosted the largest maker of plug-style chewing tobacco in the world, Liggett and Myers.

3300 Lafayette: Home of Martha Roe, widow of a prominent St. Louis steamboat captain who mentored Samuel E. Clemens. The vast estate included the family of her widowed daughter Emma Copelin, who dedicated Copelin Avenue when the land was subdivided in 1885, her California born nieces and nephews, eight house servants, a German-born teacher, two African-American coachman, and two gardeners.

1818 S. Compton: Home of Annie and Peter Oakes, owners of A. Oakes & Co., a candy manufacturer and confectionery shop which employed eight female salesladies in 1890.

Cara Jensen is the founder of Sherlock Homes, a historical research company. She is the past president of the Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association, serves on the Grand South Grand House Tour committee, and is active in the 8th Ward Independent Democratic Association. Contact Cara Jensen at 773-2881 or carajensen@sherlock-homes.us for information about your historic property.

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1803 S. Compton: Home of Frank P. Crunden, president of Udell, Crunden & Co., makers of wooden and willow ware. Frank was the brother of the St. Louis Public Library's first chief librarian and director, Frederick Crunden.

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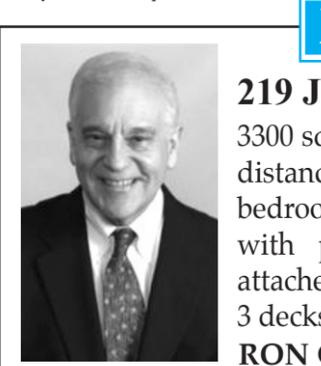
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A Walker's World

by Melanie Harvey

A Call to Action: Get Out into the City

Street life instead of street traffic – how do we make it happen?

To start, take a walk! Any walk: around your block, through your nearest park, over to your neighborhood coffeeshop, into your favorite bar or restaurant. Then do it another day and take someone with you. Do it often, then find a new way to get there. Branch out: get to your nearest grocery, library, post office, perhaps the church of your choice.

Are distances farther or closer than you thought? If farther, consider Metro: do you know where your nearest MetroBus stops and where it goes? (Hint: almost every bus connects with MetroLink, which connects to dozens of destinations besides Downtown.) Do you know how to use the system to get to work as easily as to a ball game? What local businesses can you support along the way: dry-cleaner, florist, dentist, bookstore, gift shop? Can you treat your out-of-town guests to a car-free positive Urban Experience (showing off the Southside's re-hab accomplishments) as if they were in a real city after all?

Are we a real city yet? I would like to think so, and as a tour guide I love to point out revitalization successes along with sites of historical significance.

But some out-of-towners still see St Louis as a ghost town; their questions put me on the defensive.

Where are all the people? There's no one on the streets!

Well, it is awfully hot....

Well, it's hot everywhere, hot in my city too, but people still have to go to work, and shop, and run errands.

But people do walk, especially early and late in the day, when it's not so humid.... We have some lovely parks where —

Yes, and you have fabulous architecture! Wonderful buildings! But so many places are empty — how will you ever fill them up?

[Good question.]

Oh, but so many have been re-habbed! Truly! Compared to 20, 10, even 5 years ago, St Louis is on a roll! We lead the nation in historic tax credits —

But where are the people?

Our losses were horrendous 30, 40 years ago but we think we have turned the corner, we're no longer losing population —

Where did they go? To lose 500,000 in fifty years — incredible!

Yes. Well.... like other aging cities, we've suffered from a de-industrialized economy and white flight.... Our schools depend on property taxes.... Plus we have this old City-County split... Add to that a suburban mind-set that's automobile-dependent....

It all has potential — so many St Louis attractions are world-class and at least your restaurants seem busy. But — where are all the people....

Toronto was again my destination for a quick cheap Urban Fix this summer — close to my rural roots in Upstate NY, with a lively diversity that is both multi-generational and multi-ethnic. It was hot there too but street life didn't stop.

I abandoned my car (safely) at a suburban train station in favor of freedom of the streets. I especially enjoy Toronto's streetcars which are not just tourist trolleys but a basic component of downtown's vitality, clang-clanging every 10 minutes on a grid with subway and bus lines, ding-dinging their bells right under my attic window in a Cabbagetown B&B. They are music to my ears, a call to action: Wake up! Get going! Share the sidewalks and streets with citizens from all over the world who have places to go, things to do, and people to meet — in a city where empty buildings are as scarce as parking lots.

St Louisans, let's show our visitors — and ourselves — we truly inhabit and enjoy the city we love: Take a walk!

Melanie Harvey is a tour guide who is also a volunteer for Citizens for Modern Transit, showing people how to get around St Louis without a car. For more information: DaytripperMO.com (314-367-3098) or cmt-stl.org (314-231-7272).

LSRC General Membership Meeting Agenda Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

Lafayette Park UMC

- 7:00 **Call to Order**
Review/Approve Minutes
Welcome New Residents
- 7:10 **Committee Reports**
 - Safety - Sue Pinker-Dodd
 - Finance - Andrea Ruth
 - Development - Blake Frey
 - Park Conservancy - Tim Gore
- 7:30 **Old Business**
 - Praxair - Randall Bittingham
 - Holiday Tour- John Herlihy
 - 1621 Caroll - Variance - Vote
 - Reorder Pils Posters - Vote
 - Brew-Pub 18th & Park - Vote
 - Nominations
- 7:40 **New Business**
- 7:50 **Announcements**
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Cherokee Place builds entrepreneurial spirit

By Stacey Rynders
Marquis Contributor

The overall trend for business incubators in St. Louis generally focuses on building manufacturing and technical businesses in the region. Viewed solely within this minor spectrum, the Cherokee Place Business Incubator stands out with its concentration on retail and service entrepreneurship. However, magnify the mission of the only south city incubator and the vision of the project surpasses the scope of the more than 10 other incubators in the immediate region.

Developed and headed by South Side Day Nursery (SSDN), the heart of the Cherokee Place Incubator is the same as its mother organization — “nurturing the child, the family, the community.” With the objective of revitalizing the Cherokee Shopping District, SSDN finds entrepreneurial support to be only one aspect of building a successful neighborhood.

“SSDN’s mission from the beginning was to prevent pauperism by supporting the whole family,” said Lynette Sledge-Watson, director of economic development for the Cherokee Place Business Incubator. “Each development division (of the incubator) is about empowering families in the community to have economic opportunities, business opportunities.”

The incubator currently has entrepreneurs of all racial backgrounds, many of them members of the surrounding community, which has experienced a serious decline in recent decades. “We would like to see the area revitalized,” Watson said. “It won’t happen if those already here aren’t involved.”

SSDN has been operating since 1886, though the Cherokee Place incubator only began in 2002. The incubator currently maintains 14 commercial spaces of which only two remain unoccupied — one retail and one service location, said Watson.

“We focus on the micro-business owner,” said Watson.

Watson is eager to expand operations within the next year to accommodate more entrepreneurs. Already this year, the program launched the Kingdom Associates Business Development Series, which is open to the public, providing one-day classes that teach necessary first-time entrepreneurial skills. Watson also strives to provide bilingual services within the next year, since there are currently more than 30 Hispanic business owners on Cherokee at this time.

With a plan to build community, the language barrier is at the moment an impediment to overcome.

“We are with and without walls,” said Watson. “We will help any business on this street. There is a real need for our services.”

This year, Watson expects to have her first incubator graduate — Proper Shoes Store, one of the incubator’s first tenants. This athletic apparel and shoe store is expected to be financially independent from the program within the next six to nine months.

Whereas new entrepreneurs frequently struggle with the high costs of starting a business and a lack of collateral support, the Cherokee Place Business Incubator provides tremendous financial and counseling help.

The rent for a commercial space is between \$144 and \$423 per month. This cost includes all utilities, one-on-one counseling, technical assistance, and access to shared office space that includes fax, copier, scanner and a computer with internet.

Other tenants include a speech and language therapy, movers, an African grocer, and Red Latina, the region’s largest Hispanic newspaper.

“I like to call us a ‘melting pot,’” said Watson. “I think we are probably the most diverse and only true retail incubator in St. Louis.”

Acceptance into the incubator program is not as difficult as one might first assume, said Watson.

“So many people think you have to be desolate,” Watson said. However, the primary components for acceptance include a viable business plan, receipt of a business license, \$300,000 in liability insurance and first month’s rent.

To help with savings, the incubator offers a “Saving For Success” financial program that is open to the public. The plan offers a monetary match for money saved by an individual or family. Access to this service depends on family size and income, which also allocates a 2-to-1 match or a 1-to-1 match.

Thus far, the Cherokee Place Business Incubator has directly created 42 jobs and indirectly generated more than 200. Not surprisingly, the City of St. Louis government has been supportive and accommodating of the program, going as far as to provide a liaison for the program’s special needs. “They’ve been very supportive,” Watson said.

At this time, the incubator is funded primarily through grants and contributions with an annual operating budget of more than \$3 million.



Stacey Rynders photo

The Cherokee Place Business Incubator offers low rent and business development support to enable entrepreneurs to launch their own businesses.

Allegiant Bank recently donated a building to the program. Watson would like to rehab it soon to provide a new retail and a new service commercial space. She also hopes to rehab the basement of the current building at 2715 and 2720 Cherokee Street to provide three new offices and there are also hopes to

add two or three kiosks.

Watson’s ambition for the incubator is contagious and already generating growing success.

“I would like to market the incubator better,” said Watson. “Right now, it is one of St. Louis’ best kept secrets, and it doesn’t need to be.”

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LSRC July Membership Meeting Minutes

President Jim Willmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 12, 2005. The June minutes were read and a correction was made to a typographical error on page two. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed. New residents and visitors were invited to stand and introduce themselves.

Jim Willmore asked that the agenda be adjusted so that Randall Brittington from Praxair and Capt. Stewart from the St. Louis Fire Department could update the neighborhood regarding the status of the cleanup efforts at the Praxair site. Mr. Brittington said that presently 2/3 of the site has been cleaned, and that 1/3 of off-site locations have been remediated. He said Praxair has a meeting scheduled with Mayor Slay to continue the discussion of relocation. All hazardous chemicals have been removed from the site as of July 8. The company has discontinued vacuuming the site after 10 p.m. Mr. Brittington answered questions about water runoff and the potential for undermining; vacuuming asbestos and ash; insurance claims; and potential damage to the neighborhood infrastructure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety - Sue Pinker-Dodd expressed thanks on behalf of the neighborhood to the St. Louis Police and Fire Departments for their professional handling of the Praxair incident. Officer Greg Simonds reported that there have been nine house burglaries, but that two suspects have been caught. These two suspects have been issued a neighborhood restraining order. If anyone in the neighborhood sees either of these two men in the neighborhood they are asked to call the Police and the men will be arrested. Officer Simonds also reported three stolen autos (with one arrest), and four plates/tags stolen. The police report indicates that the name of the company whose driver knocked over the stone pillar at Park Avenue and Benton Place is New World Van Lines, and that contact has been made with the

company to pay for repairs to the pillar.

Officer Lisa Pisciotta asked neighborhood residents to call **444-2564** if they have any information that might help the police solve crimes in the neighborhood. She also distributed a letter informing the neighborhood that Capt. Antionette Filla will be the new captain of the Fourth District. Officer Pisciotta reminded everyone that the "club" anti-auto theft device is available at Operation Safestreet at a cost of \$10 for autos and \$15 for trucks.

Sue Pinker-Dodd announced that the National Night Out will be observed on Tuesday, August 2. She will attempt to link together several block parties again this year. Please call Sue for more information.

Finance - Andrea Ruth gave the financial report.

Development - Tom Dahms gave the report in Blake Frey's absence. He reported that the two structures damaged by the Praxair explosions are historic buildings, and that therefore every effort should be made to restore them. He also reported that the committee is trying to deal with property owners who are letting buildings deteriorate, and that the neighborhood should pressure these owners into rehabilitating these properties. He also reported that the Development Committee is on record as opposing the proposed project on Dolman.

Conservancy - Tim Gore reported that the slate roof is being installed on the Park House, and that the landscaping plan there is progressing. He said the Conservancy is looking for companies that might be willing to donate items such as a flagpole, electrical service, etc. for the project. Tim also announced the "Gala at the Grotto" to be held on Sept. 24 (now Oct. 1) from 7 - 10 p.m. The cost is \$50 person for an evening of music, food and drink. Tim said the appropriate dress for the evening will be "cocktail-ish, formal, Victorian."

OLD BUSINESS:

Jefferson-Rutger - Jim Willmore reported that Michael Lance and Alderman Lewis Reed have indicated that 1-800-Got-Junk appears to be pulling back from their request for a variance from the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice President-elect - Jim Willmore reported that Greg Yin has had to resign as Vice President-elect, and asked for someone to please step forward to assume this office. Jim also announced that the President's Award Dinner will be held on Sept. 18 from 5-7 p.m., site to be announced.

Holiday House Tour - Jim Willmore reported that John Herlihy and Mary Ann Goodson will again co-chair this year's tour, and that six homeowners have agreed to put their houses on tour so far.

Zoning Variance - Jim Willmore announced that a public hearing for Alternatives Unlimited will be held on Thursday, July 14 at 8:30 a.m. in Room

208 at City Hall. Alternatives Unlimited is a for-profit business that deals with children who have been expelled from the St. Louis Public Schools system for behavior problems. Alternatives Unlimited wants to locate at the Lafayette Park Baptist Church. It was reported that the LSRC is on record as being opposed to the Alternatives Unlimited proposal, and that several LSRC members will attend the hearing.

Bicycle Race - Andrea Ruth distributed sign-up sheets for volunteers to work at the race, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 2. Tim Ranek reported that Anheuser-Busch is helping to promote the race this year.

Linda Weiner reported that she won't know for a few weeks whether the orchards are an available option as a new site for the **Community Garden**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The social was hosted by Tom and Mary Dahms and Mary Beth and Dave Visintainer.

Submitted by Mark Etling.

'Doors of South St. Louis' watercolors feature area

"Doors of South St. Louis," an exhibit of 40 watercolors by local artist Sheila M. Harris, will open with a reception on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 2-4 p.m. at Carondelet Public Library, 6800 Michigan Ave.

The exhibit will continue through Sept. 30.

The artwork features the doors and doorways of South St. Louis — with their ornamental terra cotta surrounds, slate and carved wood awnings and intricate brick arches.

For this exhibit, Harris has painted doorways located in the Benton Park,

Soulard, Holly Hills, Carondelet, Tower Grove East, Tower Grove Heights, Lafayette Square, McKinley Heights, and Dutchtown neighborhoods.

Some of the doorways portrayed are from single family homes, others from apartment buildings, Victorian-era factories, old schools, storefronts, and from Gothic and Romanesque churches.

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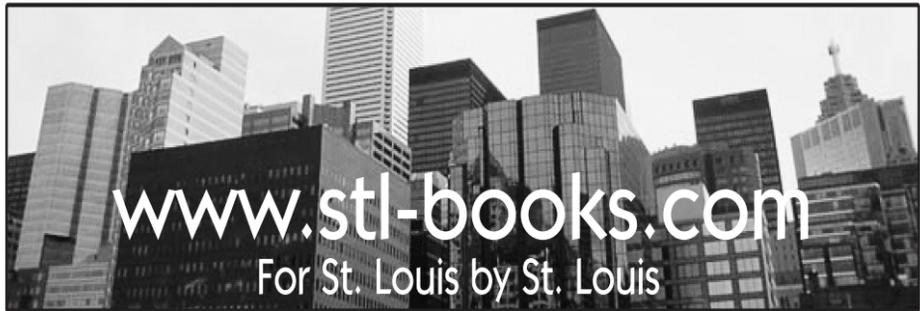



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Park Ave. Business District	<i>unrepresented</i>	

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Soulard Market continues annual Chefs at the Market

The 7th Annual Chefs at the Market, hosted by Soulard Market, will celebrate the incredibly talented chefs and other food experts in St. Louis who prepare fresh and health cuisine.

creativity, will demonstrate how to serve easy, yet healthy, nutritious, and exciting meals for the family."

This program is free to the public and will be held in Soulard Market Park, at Lafayette and 8th Street. Classes will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and continue through Sept. 10th.

Saturday, September 3
Scott Brown, Director of Food Operations and Dan Parker, Kitchen Manager, Tanner B's

The popular "Chefs at the Market" presents innovative chefs and food experts in the City who demonstrate, step-by-step, some of their most sought after recipes. The informal setting allows participants to ask questions, learn easy "short cuts" that simplify and demystify cooking, and discover new ways to prepare raw ingredients.

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Officials, business owners gather to dedicate Shenandoah Crossings



On Thursday, Aug. 18 a number of city officials and local business owners gathered for the Shenandoah Crossings Banner Dedication Ceremony. The business district is located on Shenandoah Avenue between Grand and Jefferson avenues. In attendance were Russ and Deb Carnahan (U.S. Rep and Municipal Judge, respectively), Greg Daly (License Collector), Ken Franklin (Mayor's Office), Patrick Moore (Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association Commercial Development Committee Chair), Phyllis Young (7th Ward Alderman), and most of the Shenandoah Crossings business owners.

Upcoming events in our neighborhoods

Walking Tours

Benton Park Walking Tour, Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. - noon. Meet at Missouri & Arsenal in Benton Park. Sponsored by Benton Park Neighborhood Association. Cost is \$8 or \$5 for residents.

Metro-Walking Tours are sponsored by Citizens for Modern Transit to show people how get around St. Louis without a car. The following pertain to the Near South Side. No charge for tours but transit fare required. Tours originate at Delmar Station (free parking) but anyone can join en route. More info: cmt-stl.org, 231-7272 or DaytripperMO.com, 367-3098.

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Sunday Sept. 18 - "**Chouteau's Landing**" & **St Raymond's Festival**, via MetroLink to 8th & Pine, then walk to the Arch and beyond; moderate fitness and active imagination required. What will St. Louis do with its empty Riverfront? Come explore the options and then enjoy Lebanese food. Depart Delmar Station at 11:04, return via Stadium Station by 3 p.m.

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Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Buder Park Neighborhood Association Meeting at 7 p.m.

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