

SHAW

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SUMMER 2009



Saturday
October 3
9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday
October 4
10 AM - 5 PM

17th annual
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Historic Shaw

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PLAN TO PERUSE

☞ Complete Information on Page 4!

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ShawArtFair.com/ShawArtFair_brunch.html

Important Phone Numbers

Alderman Steve Conway 773-4329
<http://stlouis.missouri.org/government/index.html>

**Anonymous Drug, Gang,
Homicide Police Hotline** 241-COPS

Citizens Service Bureau 622-4800
<http://stlouis.missouri.org/government/csb.html>

All problems that deal with City services should be reported to the Citizens Service Bureau, such as refuse collection, street maintenance, traffic signs, street lights, requests for building & health inspections, stray dogs, trash/weeds, etc. Follow up with the NSO if the problem isn't resolved in a timely manner.

Crime Victim Advocacy Center
 314-OK-BE-MAD (314-652-3623)

EnergyCare 773-5900

Energy related services for low income seniors, disabled, and young children.

Humane Society 647-8800

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Information** 231-2345
 Timetable Requests: 982-1521

**Missouri Low Income Home Energy
Assistance Program** 573-526-4836

Neighborhood Stabilization Officers (NSO)
8th Ward: Michelle Boston-David 657-1358
 bostonm@stlouiscity.com

17th Ward: Anthony Minden 657-1363

19th Ward: Vernita Mullins 657-1369

Operation Brightside 781-4556
<http://stlouis.missouri.org/501c/brightside>

Police (non-emergency) 231-1212
 911 for emergencies and to report problem properties.

Be sure to give the exact address of the problem property, give specifics, and leave your call-back number to have the call documented properly. Then contact the Alderman or NSO.

**Shaw Neighborhood
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shawneighborhood@sbcglobal.net

Shaw Neighborhood Web Site ShawStLouis.org

St. Margaret Housing Corp 771-4170

Tower Grove Baptist Church
Angel Food Ministries Grocery Relief Program
 4257 Magnolia 776-6446

Youth In Need 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 636-946-3771
 Head Start: 314-353-6906

SNIA General & Board Meetings

**SNIA General
Membership Meetings** 7 p.m., St. Margaret of Scotland Church basement
 Flad at 39th St.

September 14, October 5

**SNIA Board of
Directors Meetings** 7 p.m., Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy
 Tower Grove and Cleveland, 771-3101

September 21, October 19

Shaw Neighborhood Newsletter

is a quarterly publication that reaches the 3,500 households and businesses of Shaw. Published by the Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association, the Shaw Newsletter features information about issues of concern to the neighborhood and upcoming city events.

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Editorial and Ad Submission Deadline

Submissions for the next issue of *Shaw Neighborhood News* must be received by
Friday, October 30, 2009.

To submit an article: please contact the SNIA office at 314-771-3101 or email: ShawNeighborhood@sbcglobal.net Copy in electronic format (floppy disk or CD) with hard copy may also be delivered to the SNIA office at 2211 South 39th Street, St. Louis, MO 63110.

To submit an ad: please call 314-771-3101 for an advertising contract.

What is SNIA?

The Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association (SNIA) is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1975. The corporation is managed by an executive committee and governed by the Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of volunteer representatives from each block in the Shaw Neighborhood. This large network of block captains ensures that every voice is heard and every resident is represented.

The SNIA serves the residents of the Shaw neighborhood by providing information, facilitating discussion, and acting on solutions. General meetings provide monthly opportunities to personally interact with the Alderman, the 3rd District Police, the Neighborhood Stabilization Officer and SNIA officers, as well as to meet and greet other residents of the community.

**Please join us in supporting
your efforts to maintain and
improve YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**

South Grand Medians Flourish with Support from SNIA

In 1997, during the annual goal-setting forum in the Tower Grove East Neighborhood, one of the top five goals to be targeted was improving the deplorable condition of South Grand from Highway 44 to Arsenal. At the time medians existed in the middle of the street but were in a rapid rate of decline; the curbs were crumbling into dust, the few trees were dead or dying; water pooled up against the medians and their main function, though unintended, was as a trash collection site. Anne Moore, a Tower Grove East resident, volunteered to look into the problem but said any changes would have to be approved by all surrounding entities. So in March of 1997, the Tower Grove East and Shaw Neighborhoods, along with Tower Grove Heights, Compton Heights and Compton Hill Reservoir Square Neighborhoods joined together with other key stakeholders and

the Grand Visions Task Force was formed.

Working with the city's Board of Public Service, the Grand Visions Task Force became the first community based organization to lobby for a Federal TEA-21 grant application in the City of St. Louis, with a record fifty letters of support: one from each of the Grand Vision Task Force participating organizations, government institutions, politicians, business owners and residents.

The primary focus of the grant application was to make South Grand a safer street for all modes of transportation, particularly pedestrian traffic. Reconstruction of the medians, enhancement of the sidewalks with bumpouts at the intersections, installation of a more pedestrian-friendly lighting system and the addition of bicycle lanes, were all part of the application.

Prior to the grant being awarded, in the spring of 1999 the street department con-

tacted the Task Force because the resurfacing of South Grand was scheduled for the month of May, 1999. The street department had the approval to remove the crumbling portions of the medians but approached the Task Force because they preferred to remove all the medians to properly resurface the street so that drainage problems could be corrected at that time. Although no one wanted to lose the medians because there was no guarantee they would be rebuilt, the task force felt that the best alternative was removal with the hope the grant would come through. The median was removed and the area in which the median lay became yet another lane creating what is commonly and accurately called a "suicide lane". With the absence of the medians the traffic speed on South Grand increased. Fortunately the grant was awarded on June 28th, 1999, for a total of \$1,507,250 of which \$1,205,800 was federal funding. St. Louis City has committed to \$301,350, their 20% match, as required by the program. Both aldermen, Steve Conway and Lewis Reed, contributed \$100,000 over a two-year period bringing the total to \$1,707,250. In addition the Grand South

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Fall for Shaw 2009

The "Fall for Shaw" house tour will take place Sunday October 4th, which is also the second day of the Shaw Art Fair. Many homes and investment properties that are listed for sale will be open for viewing that afternoon. This is the first time that Fall for Shaw will coincide with the Art Fair and we are excited to make both events available to the people who traditionally visit the neighborhood that weekend.

We know the Art Fair typically generates quite a bit of enthusiasm about the neighborhood, and we hope to capitalize on that by letting folks know about the homes and rehab opportunities available here. Not every potential home buyer will have time to tour homes that day, but we hope that a glimpse of what is available in the neighborhood will entice them to come back the following week and find their dream home.

We look forward to showcasing a variety of homes in a wide range of prices, everything from rough rehabs to shining

jewels. If you or your neighbor are going to list your home or already have your home listed be sure to request that your realtor hold the house open on Sunday October 4th anytime between 12:00 – 4:00 PM. And make sure to contact St. Margaret Housing Corporation to have the address listed in our publicity.

For more information about participating in, or attending Fall for Shaw please call the St. Margaret Housing Corporation at (314) 773-7429, email Kraig at Kraig@Shawhousing.org or check out our website at www.Shawhousing.org.

"Fall for Shaw" is coordinated by St. Margaret's Housing Corporation, a non-profit, non-denominational organization that works to improve the quality of life in the Shaw neighborhood through addressing housing related issues.

For more information about the Shaw neighborhood please call the St. Margaret's Housing Corporation at (314) 773-7429.

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Shaw Art Fair is Right Around the Corner

The seventeenth annual Historic Shaw Art Fair will be held on the 4100 and 4200 blocks of Flora Place on October 3, and October 4, 2009. Artists from as far away as Miramonte, California, Englewood, Florida and London, Ontario and as close as Maplewood, University City, and the Shaw neighborhood will participate. In fact, twenty-five states and the Canadian province will be represented.

Fine art and fine craft will be for sale across a wide price range in many mediums including: painting, printmaking, drawing, photography, mixed media, ceramics, sculpture, glass, jewelry, fiber and wood/metal. You'll find art to decorate your home, to add to a collection, and even to wear. Many Shaw residents also buy holiday gifts at the art fair.

Volunteers are Still Needed to Help Make the Art Fair A Success

It takes 300 people to help run the Fair. You can volunteer at the art fair Web site, ShawArtFair.com or by calling Morgan Naas at 314-238-6141.

The Historic Shaw Art Fair is a great neighborhood event. It allows thousands of metro St. Louis residents to see just how special Shaw is – and it is a major fund-raiser for Shaw. So plan to attend. Invite your friends and family. Buy a ticket to Brunch a la Art. Volunteer if you can. Plan to enjoy the first weekend in October at the Historic Shaw Art Fair.

Request for Artist Housing

Please consider being a host for an artist for the weekend. As in past years we will be attempting to house all artists who request

accommodations. See ARTIST HOUSING at the bottom of the VOLUNTEER form at ShawArtFair.com. These arrangements have been very popular among the artists and some great friendships between artists and residents have formed. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity! Call 773-3935 during the day, Monday–Friday, with any questions.

Brunch A La Art Featured Both Days

This year Brunch a la Art will be expanded to include both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for the brunch are \$15 each and includes admission to the art fair. The participating restaurants are listed below. For more information, menus and to buy tickets go to ShawArtFair.com/ShawArtFair_brunch.html



Brunch a la Art Special Morning Brunch

Saturday, October 3: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Sunday, October 4: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

\$15 per person

- Includes one \$5 admission to the Fair (good for both days) plus \$10 worth of scrip to purchase food
- Food presented by Mangia Italiano, City Diner, Mokabe's, Chouteau's at 39th Street, Thurman Grill, La Tropicana and Café Ventana
- Music by local jazz favorites: Silk Pajamas (Saturday) and Dizzy Atmosphere (Sunday)

BRUNCH MENU

Menu & restaurants subject to change.

City Diner

(Saturday only)

Smoked maple sausage
Scrambled eggs
Hash browns
Orange juice

La Tropicana

(Saturday & Sunday)

Black beans and rice
Empanadas
Caribbean fresh fruit salad
Mexican pastry
Agua fresca

Mangia Italiano

(Saturday & Sunday)

Melon and prosciutto
Arincini
Pasta salad
Iced tea

Thurman Grill

(Sunday only)

Breakfast sausage
Scrambled eggs
Hash browns

Café Ventana

(Saturday & Sunday)

Beignets
Lobster Bisque
Vegetable Strata
Chicory Coffee au lait
Danish

Mokabe's

(Saturday only)

Gouda Quiche
Fresh fruit
Carrot Walnut bread
McCann's oatmeal
Coffee or espresso
Latte or cappuccino

Chouteau's at 39th

(Saturday & Sunday)

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apricot chutney on
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Block Unit News

By Jennifer Hamlet
2300 Klemm Block Captain

National Night Out 2009

For the first year ever, we closed off the street. I think the best entertainment was watching the confused drivers who are used to pulling out of the alley onto Klemm for a quick exit from the neighborhood. There was much confusion... My kids had put together signs for the event, so at least people could figure out what was going on. During the early part of the evening we had a few people assume we were out selling lemonade and were just really bad salespeople, but luckily some stuck around to enjoy the event.

We had about 25 people come out to share food and games. Ours was a fairly simple set-up. We had a soccer net and ball, a football dart for throwing, bubbles and sidewalk chalk. Everyone was invited to bring something to share, so we had a wide variety of tasty dishes. We even had a biggest-bubble-blowing contest, although we're still not sure who the winner was... Mostly it was a great night to enjoy getting to know our neighbors and visiting with old friends. We had a surprise stop from the police to hand out coloring books and baseball cards and a surprise stop from a fire truck that the kids climbed all over.

Welcome Packets

The cooler weather helped make this year's National Night Out a more pleasant experience than the past few years! Many of our block units got out to party with their neighbors and get to know each other better. Remember that we have welcome packets for new neighbors at the SNIA office or through your block captain. If you are new to Shaw and haven't had a chance to meet your block captain, please contact **Jenny Gerstner** at **771-3101** or **shawneighborhood@sbcglobal.net**.

News & Events Tower Grove Park

Help Tower Grove Park One Dime at a Time

Whole Foods Market gives 10 cents per bag to customers who re-use their own shopping bags for their purchased groceries. This program reduces our impact on the environment and now supports local non profit groups. Customers will have the choice to accept their cash refund, or donate the cash back to the store's chosen non-profit organization. During the months of July, August, and September of 2009, Whole Foods Market on Brentwood has chosen Friends of Tower Grove Park as their non-profit group to support through this special program.

Missouri Botanical Garden

Check out Henry's Travel Blog: Mobot.org/blog/TravelsWithHenry

Although he kept detailed business papers, Missouri Botanical Garden founder Henry Shaw left little personal material for biographers to consider in analyzing his life. One of the few items which remain is a series of five journals. Following his retirement from the hardware business in 1840, Shaw traveled abroad and made

Tower Grove Farmer's Market May 9 – October 24

Saturdays only – just west of the Pool Pavilion in the center of the Park.
Market times: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Wading Pool

June 13 – Sept. 7

Thursday – Sunday, 11 AM – 4 PM
(Closed Monday – Wednesday)

Muckerman Fountain and Pop Jets

May – October

Sundays: Friday 10 AM – 7 PM
Saturdays: 8 AM – 7 PM

notes, recollections, and even sketches in these small bound books. Join us as we chart Henry's journey to Europe and beyond.

Japanese Festival 2009

Saturday – Sunday, September 5, 6

10:00 AM to 8 PM

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)

10:00 AM to 5 PM

Grounds open at 9 AM and remain open until 10 PM for candlelight walks.

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South Grand Medians *continued from page 3*

Grand House and Garden Tour contributed the proceeds from their 2005 tour to the ongoing maintenance of the plantings and funding of \$7,000 was contributed to the Grand Visions Task Force in the fall of 2005.

After the multitude of planning and reviews required the construction began in the spring of 2004. Because of the long delay in the start of construction the natural increase in costs eliminated the budget for the plantings. So volunteers from all the affiliated associations and other interested

groups, such as the Master Gardeners and a group of students from the Washington University School of Social Work, planted the perennials on Saturdays and Sundays in the spring of 2005. In all over a hundred individuals gave their time and energy to beautify this stretch of South Grand, with many volunteers coming back repeatedly.

Over the last three years the medians and bumpouts have been maintained by volunteers and expenses paid for by funds that were raised from various sources including contributions from the Shaw

Neighborhood Improvement Association. The task force has now assumed the ongoing maintenance of the medians and in the Spring of 2009, after a formal bidding process, selected Florascapes Landscaping to maintain the medians. While the task force is continuing to look for additional funding, the financial support of the surrounding neighborhood associations, including SNIA, will be required to keep this important collaborative effort effective.

Dog Days at Shaw Dog Park

by Misha Raney

The weather has been very temperate this summer, and this has been a great gift to the dogs of Shaw Dog Park. Cooler days and evenings let us dogs run and play longer, and the exercise and socialization of coming to the dog park is good for us and our people. The dog park is thriving as it starts its 6th year. We average nearly 200 members each year, and we welcome all dogs, from Shaw and anywhere else, who want to be part of fun and frolic. Some landscaping needs will be met soon, and there is going to be some work done at the entrance to make it easier to navigate. Dogs seem to have less problems walking on uneven ground than their people, and the rain runoff has not helped with the slope of the entry site.

You will soon receive your dog park renewal notices for the 2009-2010 season. The lock will not be changed until the second weekend of October, but try to send in your renewal fee and (if needed) your proof of updated rabies as soon as possible,

so that you're ready to go upon the lock code change in October.

We've had a few instances of lost dogs in Shaw, some with tags on them. If they have a tag that is current and says Shaw Dog Park with a number, we may be able to trace that dog's family. Call the SNIA office at 771-3101 for assistance, or put a message on ShawTalk to get a faster response. If you can't keep the dog, the Humane Society is the best place to go since most people will check there first for a lost pet. They also take a picture of the lost pet and post it on their Web site, so it's easy to check anytime if your pet has been turned in. Most important, have a microchip placed in your pet, and set up the service that goes with it. Remember to change your contact information with the service if you move. This way any veterinarian or shelter can identify your pet immediately and contact you.

We dogs love our people, and we love Shaw. Come join us at the Shaw Dog Park and see what a great place it is to meet the

neighbors – both 2- and 4-legged ones. To join, go to ShawDogPark.org and print off the application and the waiver of liability. (If you live in Shaw, be sure to print off the application for Shaw residents.) Fill out and sign both forms, attach a check for the correct amount and proof of rabies vaccination for each dog. Then send it to the SNIA office. If you do not have computer access, call SNIA at 314-771-3101 and leave your name, address, and phone number with a request for a Shaw Dog Park membership application.

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SMHC Hires New Executive Director

By Stephanie Noecker

The St. Margaret of Scotland Housing Corporation is pleased to welcome Kraig Schnitzmeier as its new Executive Director!

Kraig is an experienced developer who has developed numerous high-end historic rehab projects in the city, including several in the Shaw Neighborhood.

He looks forward to lending his expertise to current residents, businesses and developers in the Shaw neighborhood,

as well as helping to promote the area to future neighbors.

Kraig can be reached at the SMHC office at 773-SHAW (773-7429). You can also keep track of upcoming events at the Housing Corporation on our website www.shawhousing.org.

Stephanie Noecker is the President of the Board of Directors of St. Margaret of Scotland Housing Corporation.

Letter from New Sherman School Principal

By Olivia Robert-Jones

Dear Shaw Community Stakeholders,

I am excited to join the Sherman Elementary Team for the 2009-2010 school year. Our priority is academic excellence. Together we will foster and maintain a safe and orderly student-focused environment that is conducive to powerful teaching and powerful learning. There are three (3) major tenants that will drive our focus:

ATTENDANCE – Everyone will arrive everyday, ON-TIME, prepared to succeed in the “Learning Zone”.

ACHIEVEMENT – Academic excellence is our “Top Priority.”

ATTITUDE – Everyone will respect themselves and others. We will provide a caring and nurturing environment that promotes learning for all students.

I would like to take this opportunity to enlist your support and commitment to partner with us to improve student achievement at Sherman Elementary School. It is going to be the COLLECTIVE effort that ensures our students’ success. If you would be interested in partnering with us you may call or visit the school. We are located at 3942 Flad Avenue St. Louis, MO 63110. The telephone number is (314)776-2626.

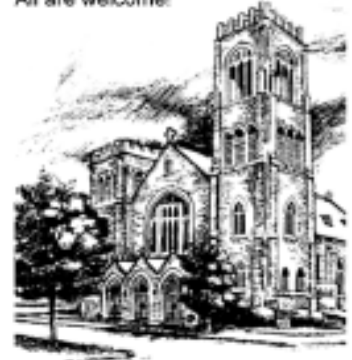
There will be a plethora of opportunities to help out at Sherman. We are asking for volunteers so that each student can reap the benefits of a mentor/mentee relationship. We would like to present each parent with a copy of the book, *Parenting: A Handbook with Ideas for Doing Your Best* by Savannah M. Young. This book is an excellent resource for parents to help and prepare their children to learn in school. The list price for this book is \$15.95 and we service approximately 190 parents. These are just a few of the opportunities that will aid the Sherman Family in achieving our goal of academic excellence. As we all know, “it takes a village to raise a child” and I look forward to establishing a fruitful relationship with all the stakeholders in the Shaw Community.

Olivia Roberts-Jones was named permanent principal of Sherman Elementary School in June 2009. She can be reached at (314) 776-2626 or olivia.roberts@slps.org. If you would like to donate money to help purchase copies of parenting handbooks for Sherman Parents, you can send a check payable to SNIA to the SNIA office at 2211 S. 39th Street.

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

We are a Catholic and Christian family that knows how to pray, play, work, learn, build, serve and grow together. If you have yet to discover us, we invite you to become a living, growing part of who we are.

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Do you wish for a way to stay aware of events and issues that arise in Shaw without having to receive tens or even hundreds of emails a day? Wish no more! SNIA is going to create an email list. Those who participate will receive notices of upcoming meetings, security concerns, area events, and agendas and minutes of SNIA meetings. If you would like to be included, please let us know. Send an email to ShawNeighborhood@sbcglobal.net and we will add you to the list. All email addresses will be kept private.

Join SNIA!

You can join SNIA or renew your membership easily online with a credit card at ShawStLouis.org. Or simply return the membership form on this page with a check to the SNIA office.

If you have questions about your membership status call the SNIA office at 771-3101 or email: ShawNeighborhood@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for your continued support of SNIA and the Shaw Neighborhood.

Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please Join Your Neighborhood Association *Your participation is important!*

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