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HERALDING THE ANNUAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

"IT ALWAYS HAPPENS TO THE OTHER GUY"

by

Skip Gaternann

All the visitor to a house sees is the beauty, historic architecture and glitter of tour day. What's it really like behind all those plants stuck in various rooms to hide the "boo-boo's and which try to create a look to match the cover of *Better Homes and Gardens*? Let's face it, folks, when one thinks about it, these plants can't grow in rooms with one window of light and four candelabra bulbs on the ceiling fan. One just knows there's a story lurking behind the six foot tall rubber tree, right?

There is a story, in fact—many of them. The following is the true story of house tour. Many months of preparation go into the two-day event. In 1984, Darlene decided to put our home on house tour. She figured by doing so, it would motivate me to get something done on the house, as I had three months off from my job.

After our house tour experience, I'm sure the only reason one puts his or her home on tour is to get something done. Any other reason would imply that one is a candidate for a padded cell.

We had heard and witnessed the horror stories of house tour. Our neighbor across the street had been on the 1981 house tour and was stuck in her bathroom six hours each day. She has an original Thomas Crapper pull chain toilet (personally autographed by him) and each tour guest wanted to see it work. Two thousand flushes is no fun!

Other neighbors were on the 1983 tour. They were still painting the interior of their home at

midnight (12 hours before tour time) when they ran out of paint! Try finding gallons of mint green paint at the local 7-11 at 1:00 a.m.

Some tour guests show the eagerness of yard sale fans by arriving hours before the event. One neighbor whose home was on a tour in the mid-1970s just stepped out of the shower three hours before tour time only to discover tour guests admiring his home's decor—and his anatomy.

Horror stories didn't deter us. We were ready. Besides, it always happens to the other guy.

Near the end of July, I was happily building a family room in the basement. Although the room was not going to be on tour, Darlene was not opposed to this project, as I was least doing something on the house.

One day I came up from the basement to have lunch and read the paper. Glancing at various pages I happened upon a story about the upcoming September tour. The story mentioned a home with a traditional interior which had a matching living room and dining room. I looked at Darlene and blurted, "I wonder whose house this is with the matching rooms? I wrote the tour booklet and have seen all of the houses. I know all of the houses are of the white wall and track-lighted variety except for ours."

She saw the look of house tour horror cover my face. "Holy [expletive deleted]! I screamed. "It's our house, but we weren't going to complete the living room to match the dining room until after the family room is completed." —WRONG!

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Kathy McQuerty says, "COME LOOK US OVER!"

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NOTES FROM THE BRICK HOUSE

by
Richard R. Eaton
President, SRG

The National Trust for Historical Preservation has recognized the Souland Restoration Group as an organization with an on-going interest in St. Louis and the preservation of its heritage.

The SRG president has been invited to serve on the local advisory committee for the 47th National Preservation Conference to be held in St. Louis late in September of 1993. The National Preservation Conference takes place every autumn in a different city and is the most important annual gathering in America for the preservation movement. This will be the first time since 1967 the National Trust has held the national conference in St. Louis. The rich architectural and cultural heritage of St. Louis and the widely-recognized efforts in preservation are expected to attract approximately 2,000 leaders and activists from across the country.

The National Conference will focus on speakers, mobile workshops, tours and special events. The SRG will be promoting the annual Fall House Tour at the time of the conference which will allow us to showcase our neighborhood. In addition, our new Souland Information Center at 12th St. and Gravois should be complete for the SRG to display the history, culture, architecture, and preservation of our historic neighborhood.

Your participation in the conference workshops, tours, and special events should prove to be exciting and satisfying as you reflect on your active role in protecting our heritage for the enjoyment and education of future generations.

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The group consists of homeowners, renters and local businesses. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month in the school hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, 8th & Souland, at 7:30 p.m.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Recently, I was privileged to serve on the Community Outreach Committee of the Souland Restoration Group, a Dream Committee.

The purpose of our meeting was to develop dreams which may lead to plans for making our neighborhood a more vibrant, stable, attractive and interesting place to be, while we grow toward these common goals:

VISION: A successful future requires vision, cooperation and change. Without growth a neighborhood dies. Inner cities across the nation are in trouble because people moved away rather than get to know each other, cooperate, solve problems, and build a future together.

THE PRESENT: A major part of Souland's buildings have been restored to keep the history alive. However, to promote, restore, attract new people, and move forward into the next century, it will take dedication and money! If we, the residents, property owners, and business people of Souland want control over what happens in the neighborhood, then it will be necessary to work together to finance the future. How are we going to do that?

PHASE I—THE DREAMS: Complete our SRG Information Center, with tours offered to the visiting public...tapes—both audio and video, trams, postcards, notecards, coffee mugs, calendars, tee shirts, maps, an historical book...a current book. Ways to show the world we are a vibrant network of people concerned

about preserving the past and yet looking forward beyond 2000.

Upgrade the Market: Currently we have four residents looking at the recently opened position of Market Master. Our local farmers market is the oldest continuously operating market in the nation and it has needs unique to our neighborhood... how better to work toward a common goal than to have one of our Souland residents as Market Master? Clean stalls, quality farm produce, canvas protection for winter use, develop the second floor with quality attractions of private enterprise. How about old-fashioned winter ice skating in the Market park, or miniature golf? Great challenge... great future!

LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM: Develop the Welsh Baby Carriage into a living history museum with the rich colorful history of Souland and the cast of characters from Mr./Ms. Cere, Souland, Dent, Grant, Allen, Anheuser, Busch, down to our present day! Provide space for arts such as painters, potters, weavers, silversmiths, photographers and others to work in the ambience of beautiful Souland. Minstrels and mimes walking about with horse-drawn carriage tours of the historical residential district, leaving from the expressway side of the building. Period costumed people strolling about, acting the part of historical characters. We shall encourage tourism and visitors to come in and share the dream of Souland—a dynamic force beyond 2000. —Carlis



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EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS... IN SOULARD

by Toncea Yarbrough

Many Soulard business owners have participated in a land reclamation movement, opening former wastelands for recreation and relaxation. Call them patios, courtyards, beer gardens or backyards, our brick forest is dotted with a number of distinctive glades. When afflicted with Friday fanny-draggin' syndrome and the weekend promises nothing more than honey-do's, chores and errands, leave your worries, beepers and cellular phones at the gates, and experience the flora and fauna of Soulard.

In Molly's courtyard, at Ninth and Geyer, take advantage of the special prices for refreshments and become rapt in the spirit of a group called Swing Set. Don't let the term "middle-aged soul music" put you off. These guys play to the crowd. Unencumbered by synthesizers and amplifiers, they roam the patio with real instruments and a megaphone atop a microphone stand. Check your local listings for date and time.

A few steps away, Norton's full dinner menu is available in their courtyard. There's a bit of a tropical feel here—a cross between Cancun and Gilligan's Island. On that stormy Bastille Saturday afternoon, hardcore nature lovers weathered the deluge under large movable umbrellas and the generous overhang of the bar; a good place to be ship-wrecked or stranded in a rain storm.

Ninth and Russell's partially covered patio is an intimate setting for lunch or a candlelight dinner. Smaller than the aforementioned facilities, it affords its own brand of Soulard charm and the place to be romantic.

At 12th and Russell, McGurk's opened their garden last year, adding to the eclectic nature of the neighborhood. Right out of "Pub and Garden," a bubbling fountain and lush foliage invite one to mellow with an Irish coffee in the late evening.

Carson's on Ninth Street recently celebrated their 6th anniversary and provides their overflow crowd with a picnic-type setting. The competitive outdoorsmen—and women—can show their skills in the horse-shoe pits. For the more active competitor, The Tavern, at Eighth and Sidney has devoted its acreage to volleyball, and it won't break the budget to buy a round for the team.

Through the wrought iron gates behind Clementine's at Menard and Allen lies a cozy courtyard. According to a reliable source, they have the coldest beer in town. And don't overlook Sweeney's sidewalk cafe. On a Saturday morning have a "home cooked" breakfast while watching the market come to life.

Between the dog days of summer and the first frost there is still time to explore the great outdoors of Soulard. Heed the back-to-nature call...before we have to go inside and check out the fireplaces.



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Immediately after lunch I began gutting the living room with only five weeks to tour. I had to remove all of the original woodwork carefully, so that it could be refitted on the new walls which would hold the insulation. In other words, I worked for 17 hours a day for 28 days and created a new room. To add insult to injury, such detail on the woodwork, for example, required that I paint a 1/8 inch wide strip which was 50 feet long in a different color from the remainder of the piece of woodwork. Give me the padded cell! I was ready for it!

The night before tour was complete insanity. Several neighbors came by to help in our hour of desperation. We had overlooked one minor detail in the living room—furniture and accent pieces. Accent pieces had been boxed away in the attic in a zillion cartons with no time to locate them. Furniture was suddenly brought in from other parts of the house.

One neighbor showed up with a pair of elegant figures for the mantel, valued and insured for \$5,000. I asked if they came with an armed guard. A collection of pictures of a rather eclectic nature began to appear on the walls with the help of neighbors. We had no couch in the living room, as 7-11 doesn't sell them at midnight.

Exhausted, we retired at 2:00 a.m. Early Saturday morning we placed a whole Shaw's Garden's worth of plants where furniture should have been. The tour guests marched through "oohing" and "aahing." Sunday night arrived and we locked the door. We had enjoyed it so much that we volunteered our house for the Christmas Parlor Tour.

We figured we had weathered one tour, why not go for two? After all, we still wouldn't need a couch, we would just get a big Christmas tree to fill in. The only problem with this tree was the tinsel hung sideways, but that's another story for another tour.

LEGISLATION BENEFITS MANY MISSOURI BUSINESSES

submitted by
Ronnie L. White
State Representative, 63rd District

Missouri has an economic climate that includes a variety of businesses, from Forbes 500 corporations to small farms. In an effort to continue this diversity and promote growth in the economy, the General Assembly passed a bill this session to help local industries. The legislation is intended to encourage new businesses to develop and keep businesses already here from leaving.

The bill would keep money in the state by forcing businesses that close or move out of Missouri to pay back any benefits they have received from the state.

The measure also would revise current tax credit requirements for new and expanding businesses and companies in enterprise zones. The enterprise zones tax credits would be attributable only to income that comes from the new or expanded portion of the business. Additionally, businesses in enterprise zones must hire persons considered "difficult to employ," and the bill changes that definition.

Two revisions to tax credit requirements were passed last session. Current law allows businesses to claim credit up to three years after the opening or expansion occurred. This bill would require businesses to apply for the credit in the following tax period.



The tax credits would also be expanded to include transportation facilities and farm implement dealers.

The measure also would seek to help existing businesses continue to profit. Small businesses could receive technical and managerial assistance from the small business development centers program, and investors in small businesses would qualify for tax credits under this legislation.

The bill would create a multipurpose water resource program to help ensure the quality of water throughout the state.

From agriculture to international business, each provision of this measure shows that the Missouri legislature is concerned with all areas of the state's economic development.

This bill is currently awaiting executive approval.

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Kids in Soulard — Lafayette School Leads the Way

Project Achievement at Lafayette School could be right out of the "Christopher Whittle Lesson Plan for Public Schools" (*Wall Street Journal*, June 2, 1992).

For five weeks beginning June 22, 1992, and ending July 24, 1992, Project Achievement was conducted in Lafayette School. This project was a joint venture between the St. Louis Public Schools and the Archdiocese of St. Louis, with a mission to improve the performance of underachieving students; to advance the quality of education in the schools in the city of St. Louis; and to modernize the educational resources available to city students.

The program at Lafayette was a language based program which was designed to attack skill weaknesses or deficits through reading, writing, and oral communication skills. Skills in mathematics and science were also explored during the course of the program. The program at Lafayette ran five days a week from 8:00 until 11:30. Breakfast was served from 8:00 until 8:20 and community building exercises were explored from 8:20 until 8:30. These exercises were led by the three high school aides assigned to Lafayette and the site coordinator. During this time, students voiced their ideas and opinions



about previous and future program activities and projects.

Just as Whittle sees schooling as a business, Lafayette Students took on a business atmosphere in one Project Phase. The major topic of discussion during the community building period was Lafayette Diversified Incorporated. L.D.I. is a corporation owned and operated by the students and staff of Lafayette School. During the first week of school stock was sold at fifty cents a share and a Board of Directors was formed. The following students served on the Board of Directors with the task of increasing the value of the shares: Melindee Maness, Jeffrey Scherr, Matt Switzer, Brandon Cunningham, Sean Godfrey, Andrew Switzer, Lily Nguyen, Calvin Harris, Zachary Isbill.

The primary product of L.D.I. was sno-cones which were sold at the various Project Achievement sites around the city. Now was this smart business in St. Louis in the summertime—or what?

The academic program at Lafayette was divided into two sections, the upper and primary grades. The primary grades section had four teachers: Mrs. Beverly Frasher, Mrs. Kay Woolbright, Mrs. Maline Cole, and Mrs. Dale Pelchman. The upper grade section had two teachers: Mrs. Deanna Simms and Mr. John Potter. Both sections were extremely busy this summer, reinforcing and remediating basic skills through various teaching strate-

gies. Students at Lafayette wrote and published stories, explored plant and seed reproduction, worked on increasing self-esteem through oral communication skills, used computers as a learning tool and used math skills as problem-solving tools.

Students in the primary section created shadow puppet shows to promote language development, used ordinary household items to conduct scientific experiments, and used computers to better understand some mathematical concepts.

In the upper grade math skills were used to graph the daily attendance and graph the weather. Students kept a journal of the summer school experiences, participated in lessons involving comparative shopping, and were exposed to team teaching and cooperative learning to enhance skills. Numerous field experiences, e.g., Missouri Botanical Gardens, Soulard Market, Busch Stadium and Hall of Fame, and Grant's Farm, and guest speakers were also used to enhance the program.

In the opinion of the site coordinator, Terell Wayne, the program was an excellent experience for the children, mainly because of the enthusiasm of the excellent staff. In addition to the staff members named above, others included Mr. Tom Rotter, Mr. Mike Brackett, and Mr. Christopher Kuehne, who served as student aides.



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Neighborhood Fabric

by Jay Gibbs

2357 S. 7th Street was built circa 1900 as a two-story, utilitarian, commercial structure. As such, it does not contain the architectural ornamentation nor the heart-tugging charm of Soulard's residential buildings. It is, thus, easy to dismiss as unimportant to Soulard's neighborhood fabric.

Nevertheless these plain-jane buildings do hold a key place in Soulard's history. It was in factories like this one where most of Soulard's immigrant, working-class population earned the wages which enabled them to "work themselves up," to build and to occupy Soulard's residential buildings.

2357 S. 7th Street has some problems. Most significantly about half of the rear section recently collapsed, and the rest of the rear section threatens to follow. Also, there is asbestos in the structure which requires professional removal.

Recognizing these problems, the City's Land Reutilization Authority has reportedly listed the building for sale for one dollar. A business located in the industrial area across 7th Street proposes to buy the building, raze it, and build a parking lot (!!!) for itself on the site.

This writer feels that there is a better solution. Why not make virtue from a necessity? The front, structurally sound section of 2357

is separated from the collapsing rear part by a stout brick firewall. The rear section could be torn down and the freed-up land would provide ample parking for the reusable front half of the structure. The heretofore interior firewall could be tuckpointed and placed in service as the rear wall of the now-smaller building. The front section's cavernous, open interior space could be renovated as office space, as a restaurant, or even as artist "loft"-style housing. At a lower rehab cost the building could be returned to its original use as a factory or warehouse.

2357 S. 7th Street could, and should, be saved. In addition to the historical reasons mentioned earlier, 2357 is part of the last fully intact block of historic buildings on Soulard's entire eastern boundary. To raze the entire building would open a gaping hole in that complete block and allow traffic noise and fumes to invade the adjacent residential area.

The advantages—and possible methodology—for saving and reusing at least the front half of 2357 S. 7th St. are clear; all that is needed now is a person with the vision and the resources to make it happen. Until that rare person appears, the streetscape-defining, front portion of 2357 S. 7th St. should be preserved.



2357 S. 7th St.: 6 over 6 windows and massive doors define its industrial character.



The solution lies in razing the rear, collapsing part (left) and renovating the solid front part (right).

New Business in Soulard

Fabu is nothing short of fabulous, a floral shop for the 90s' moderate prices... owned and operated by Soulardians... What you see is the "before" picture of the building at 9th and Lafayette. But you need to see it now.

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Meet Your New Neighbors —

Bob & Lillian

Bob grew up in the St. Louis area and has always been interested in the "city life." After a 14-year period away from St. Louis, he returned here in 1987. He rented on Shenandoah for six months and found his current house on 10th St. "I used to jog by it mornings or afternoons and say, 'They'll never sell that place!' However, once inside, I gained a different perspective — it was worse. My grandfather was a general contractor, so I get lots of construction (constructive?) advice from my uncles, all of whom worked for their dad at one time or another."

"When I am not rehabbing, I work as a computer consultant for the small business group at Ernst & Young. We work with emerging businesses, providing audit, tax, consulting, etc. (Our department's name is *Entrepreneurial Services*). My other distraction from rehabbing is the Air Force Reserve. It's amazing how short a month can be; it seems I was a reserve meeting just last . . . And I've always got a bathroom or kitchen apart on those weekends!"

"Lillian and I certainly love the life here in Souard. The four-minute commute to work downtown is nice. The people are fun. The architecture is beautiful. And the pace is fast or

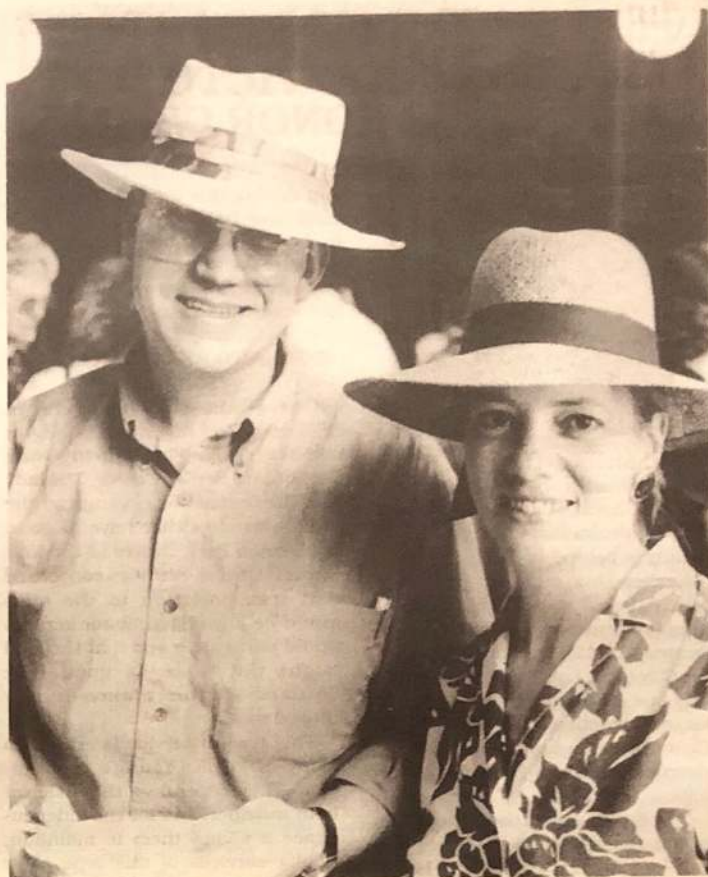
slow, depending on how much work there is to do on the house!"

Lillian is delighted to be having a watercolor show in Souard. Her art is on display through September 20 at Bon Appetit on the corner of Barton and 11th Sts. The opening was Wednesday, August 12.

"The theme of over half the paintings is our own neighborhood. I've been exploring Souard, mostly focusing on the architecture, sometimes on the people. I've featured local landmarks such as the 9th St. Abbey and Souard Market. Another of my favorite subjects are the residences in the area (see photo). Some of the homes I've painted will also be on the September House Tour.

The show branches out into other areas in and around St. Louis. These paintings vary broadly, ranging from a landscape of West County (as seen from a hot air balloon!) to a visit in the Central West End, to a cloudy afternoon at Union Station.

"When people ask me what style I paint in, I just laugh, because I haven't really thought about it. I just paint the way I like to paint. My style is fairly representational, but a far cry from photographic. I enjoy subtle plays in color variation found in shadows. I'm very aware of the



Bob & Lillian Warren — WELCOME! Shown below is one of Lillian's works.

texture in a painting. I also play with the balance of warm and cool, and the variety of form. In your mind's eye you tend to simplify, but when trying to capture the character of a place, you have to really, really look. I'm still training myself to see what's truly there, and I'll probably never stop training.

"Most of my paintings are done on-site and thus fairly small. The largest are 14" x 20", the smallest are 10" x 14". Painting on location can attract a fair amount of attention. I often get a steady stream of comments from passersby. These comments range from the usual 'What'cha doin?' to in-depth discourses on art and the philosophy of life.



"Among the most common questions is 'How long does a painting take?' to which I reply, 'around six hours . . . and 30 years.' People also want to know if I make a living this way. Unfortunately, the answer is, 'I wish,' and/or 'not yet.' While I enjoy these conversations, I have to keep my eye on the subject and keep on painting or I'd never get anything finished. Most of the works in the show are for sale, although I sold a few of them before the opening. I enjoy doing commissions, but I usually just paint for the love of it, and because the subject *sings* for me. I've been fairly lucky in then finding someone else who loves the subject and, hopefully, the painting as well."



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Earlier this summer Governor John Ashcroft signed a bill authorizing the transfer of Malcolm Bliss, located at 1420 Grattan Street, to the City of St. Louis. Also, he signed into law a bill appropriating funds for construction of a new Honor Center in an industrial area on the riverfront north of Laclede's Landing.

The fight against the state's plan to transfer prisoners from the present location at St. Mary's Honor Center on Papin Street near Union Electric to Malcolm Bliss has been long, expensive, and hard-fought. Alderman Young worked closely with State Representative Ronnie White, Senator J.B. "Jet" Banks, Alderman Marit Clark, and neighborhood residents over the past 18 months to resolve the problem. Together they made a strong team that worked well to keep our homes safe.

Alderman Young appreciates the efforts and the support of each of

you during this critical time. Your calls and letters to state officials each time she asked for your help made the difference in gaining the support we needed from many of the out-state legislators.

SOULARD SENIOR CENTER SAVED!

One of the senior citizens in Soulard called Alderman Young in mid-May seeking her help in saving the Soulard Senior Center. The lady said the center was closing and the seniors would either have to go to the Benton Park Center or the Five Church Center. She was concerned that transportation to the sites would be a problem, fewer seniors would participate and that the food might not taste as good—the Soulard Center makes home-cooked meals.

This type of service is critical to many of Phyllis Young's constituents. They depend on this help for both nutrition and for the independence it allows them to maintain. Senior services of this type allow many to stay in their own homes, rather than in nursing homes.

Due to these concerns, Alderman Young went to bat for the Soulard seniors! She insisted that the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging continue funding the Soulard Senior Center. As a result of Alderman Young's efforts, the agency has agreed to continue funding the center. Our Soulard seniors will still be able to eat home-cooked meals in their own neighborhood.

REPORT A CRIME— IT'S A COMMUNITY SERVICE

If you are physically or verbally assaulted or threatened because of your sexual orientation, race, gender, religion or national origin, you are the victim of a bias/hate crime.

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KNOW THE LAW—

1. Call 911.
2. If there is evidence, don't clean it up.
3. Get the names and badge numbers of all attending officers.
4. Tell the police when you are the victim of a hate crime (They are required to put this in the police report).

The number of hate crimes against lesbians and gay men is increasing faster than against any other group.

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by
Nate Scudieri

Feeling confident on that bright and humid morning, I exchanged my entry fee for "lucky number four." I watched proudly as my name was officially positioned in the "Beginner, Novice, Never-Raced Before" bracket for the 1992 Bastille Day Tour de Soulard Bicycle Race. The three-mile sprint awaited as I excitedly walked my rugged moun-

tain bike up to another young man straddling his shiny red 10- or 12-speed-looking bike at the starting line.

"So," I began, "which block do you live off of? Haven't I seen you before at Nortons?"

"I'm from a small town in Illinois," he replied, staring dead ahead.

"Oh, just over the bridge! That's not too long of a ride," I persisted. "At least until they start that construction from the..."

"Twenty minutes southeast of Chicago!" he interrupted.

After a short pause, I continued curiously, "You came from almost five hours away to ride in a bike race?" He smirked, and then it hit me. "Do you ride in these things often... professionally?"

"Oh, no," he replied, shaking his head. "I only race mountain bikes. I only do street races for fun." I turned pale, staring into the humid air in front of me. Just then, three more bikers came wheeling up along my opposite side. As I turned to greet these competitors of mine, I prepared the intimidation look to set the scene. As I looked down, three young boys grinned up at me. Each of them in their tight spandex outfits covered with sponsors in a spectrum of colors.



"How old are you guys?" I asked, peering down.

"I'm ten and they're both nine," blurted one of them. I stood astonished, staring at the bikes they were on. Each one of these things were at least a thousand dollars a piece. That's more than my car's worth! Minutes went by, as my confidence fell below zero. With no warning, I looked up and everyone around me was in their starting positions and ready to begin. I set my gear, looked forward, shook at the sound of a shot, and saw the white pace car speed away down the block. We were on our way.

The first turn onto 8th St. was a sharp one, but I shot through a small hole of bikers into the lead. The "pack" rode in my tail wind up until we reached Trinity Lutheran Church, which is about where I saw Mom out with the video camera and gave her a wave—the wave that cost me the lead that I had had for a whole fifteen seconds. The pack blew by me, which I had expected. I just didn't expect the pack to have been made up of those little kids! Trailing by about 50 yards, I made the turn onto Russell Ave. which gave me a chance to see who was now on my tail. The guy from Chicago was right on me, and only mere stragglers were of any type of challengers. With the wind against me and the sweat dripping from be-

neath my helmet, I chugged, growling uphill.

Those once-labeled "mere stragglers" were now passing me as if I were standing still. I made my way around the track two whole times and neared the completion of my third and final lap... alone. Or so I thought! On the last turn, I caught a glimpse of a lone biker about 100 yards behind! I raced with every last ounce in my aching body to get to the finish line without coming in last—"Oh, anything but last!"

As I crossed the finish line, the announcer on the loudspeaker proclaimed, "And here comes our mountain biker!" I made a sharp turn around to get a good look at the gutsy competitor who dared to challenge me. "And here she comes—ladies and gentlemen—the last racer! Our only senior citizen!"

In all it was a fun day, ending a great weekend of festivities in Soulard from the beheading to the wine-tasting. I look forward to next year's race but also hope for the possible addition of the First Annual Soulard Basketball Tournament.

[Editor's Note: Nate Scudieri is a senior at Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan. He is an advertising intern at the Waylon Co. for the summer and lives with his parents in Soulard.]



THANK YOU NOTE FROM CAPTAIN PAGE

"I would like to thank all of the Aldermen, Civic Leaders and citizens who supported the St. Louis Police Department in our attempt to get a 4% raise for the officers who serve you.

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—Captain Everett E. Page
Third District, St. Louis Police Department

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Urban Garden A Success In Soulard



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As I gaze out the window of my newly refurbished, tastefully done third floor, it's hard to believe that I'm in the middle of the city. The Soulard Community Garden across the street reminds me of my "childhood on the farm." Well, we did live near some. Anyway . . .

Yesterday, I picked a salad for dinner from Tommy's and my garden plot. Yes, lettuce, tomato (without an "e"), bell pepper (not Southwestern), and radishes (not horse). Tomorrow night, I may boil an ear or two of fresh corn from one of the community plots.

If you want to cook Greek food, we have fresh oregano growing in the community herb plot. There's also basil, sage, and a rare herb called comfrey used in making tea. I also hear it's a good aphrodisiac. . . Oh, I think that's some type of medical cure from Africa.

Everyone has really done an excellent job on his/her garden plot. On the north side, Phyllis Young has some great looking pole beans. Candace Ulrich has nasturtiums and okra. Rose Murphy has peppers.

On the south side, where the weather is warmer, Janice Hitchcock is growing some great looking corn, and John Newman has beautiful tomatoes. In some of the other community plots, we're raising strawberries and asparagus.

In the future, we plan to add eight more plots. Anyone interested in becoming a city farmer and willing to do a "little hard work" may contact Candace at 773-1593.

Well, I better close for now. Happy gardening.

—Charles

P.S. If you're looking around Soulard, the garden is on S. 9th St. between Barton and Lami.



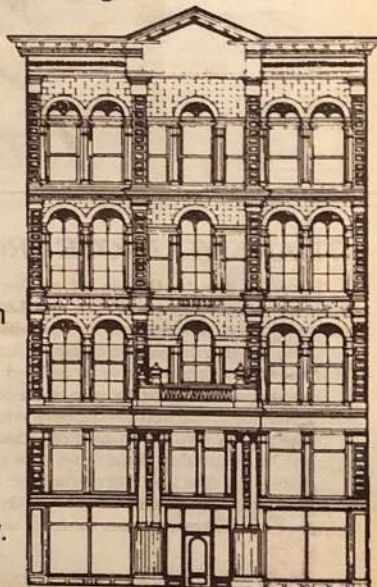
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St. Louis Board of Aldermen Honors Thelma Hemmen

RESOLUTION NUMBER 72

WHEREAS, Thelma Hemmen is a life-time resident of, and raised two children in the Soulard neighborhood of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Thelma Hemmen has been an active member of the Soulard Restoration Group ("SRG"), a neighborhood organization having as its primary goal to foster the improvement, preservation and stabilization of the Soulard neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Hemmen has served as administrative assistant for the SRG for thirteen years and has actively worked on and supported SRG activities, thereby enhancing SRG's efforts to improve the Soulard neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Hemmen's dedication and devotion to the Soulard neighborhood has immeasurably contributed to the strength and vitality of the Soulard neighborhood, which, in turn, has enhanced the strength and vitality of the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Hemmen has announced her intention to retire from her position as Administrative Assistant of the SRG; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to commend Thelma Hemmen for her service to the Soulard neighborhood of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that Thelma Hemmen is hereby commended for her valuable contributions to the Soulard neighborhood of the City of St. Louis; we instruct the Clerk to spread a copy of this resolution over the permanent rolls of this Board and to prepare a memorial copy of said resolution as the same is Truly Agreed to and Finally Adopted to the end that it might be presented to our honoree as deemed appropriate by the sponsor of this resolution.

Introduced this the 17th day of July, 1992 by Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderman 7th Ward and Honorable Martie Aboussie, Alderman 9th Ward. Adopted this the 17th day of July, 1992 as attested by:

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So, once again apartment life has thrown me another curve. Thumper and Mona were not marathon lovers as the pigeon noise led me to believe, but just another couple.

I called the landlord and he came out and put some sticky stuff on the window sill and gutters and made life so miserable for the dirty birds that they flew the coop. Things were pretty quiet until late one night new sounds came from upstairs. These were sounds of war. What was going on? It was 12:30 a.m. I hoped it was just a lovers' quarrel, but it sure didn't sound that way. It went on for over an hour and whatever it was, it was enough for Mona to pack and be gone by morning.

Now what would go on up there? What would he do with his time? How long could anyone live on Domino's Pizza? Would she come back? Six months later, things sure have changed upstairs. Thumper doesn't thump anymore. The most noise we hear is the cats running and sliding down the hall. Late one night in early spring I thought he might have gotten lucky and love would be his again, but when the radio went on, no words of love were spoken. Matter of fact, the only thing I heard was snoring, loud snoring and loud music. I guess he had one too many down at the corner bar and came home and fell asleep with the radio on.

Time can also change the look of the "Lonely Guy." I would say about 25 pounds have been added to his once sleek frame, no doubt from



many pizzas and fried chicken dinners from Hodaks. If he doesn't get on some kind of diet and exercise routine, soon he will be doomed to a life of talking to those noisy cats at 2:00 a.m. and playing computer games.

It's really sad to see him out back at the BBQ pit with just one steak where there used to be two. Whatever brought this about must have been serious, but with just a little communication, maybe it would have worked out. Too much yelling and not enough listening has rendered Thumper alone with his cats and computer. I hope to hear happier sounds soon. Even pigeons in the walkway would be welcome!

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NEW CONSERV OFFICER IN SOULARD

There are 90 neighborhoods in St. Louis. Only 21 are fortunate enough to have ConServ officers. ConServ is short for Concentrated Services, a catch-all type of job which assists in stabilizing neighborhoods.

Our Souland neighborhood has a new ConServ officer. She is Mary Hart and has been with Operation ConServ since June 15, 1992. Mary is a native of the St. Louis metropolitan area. She has a bachelors degree in Social Sciences and a masters in Urban Design and Historic Preservation from Kansas State University. She comes to us from Baytown, Texas, where she has been a senior planner.

Mary's role as our ConServ officer is to coordinate the delivery of various city services that are needed in our neighborhood. She drives through Souland on a regular basis to note specific problems in order promptly to prepare and process service requests for items such as code enforcement, removal of weeds and debris and removal of derelict vehicles.

She also assists in implementing special projects and activities to deal with issues related to safety, beautification, recreation, marketing and education. As our ConServ officer, Mary can access assistance from various City departments and agencies to aid in our efforts to improve Souland.

Mary also works with the Souland Community Housing Corporation in implementing housing plans

for our neighborhood. The Housing Corporation is composed of Souland residents recommended by Aldermen Young and Aboussie and appointed by Mayor Schoemehl. With the cooperation of representatives from various city agencies, the Housing Corporation may acquire property for redevelopment as well as acquire and hold properties that have become nuisances in Souland.

Currently, the Housing Corporation owns three buildings located at 2422 Menard, 805 Allen, and 811 Allen. The property located at 2422 Menard is a two-family flat that is currently under contract to be sold and developed as a single-family residence. The properties located at 805 and 811 Allen are part of a large collection of property (803, 807, 809 and 815 Allen) owned by Operation Impact. The Housing Corporation has received considerable interest in these properties from various developers. They would like to see it materialize as a unified, compatible development that would complement the neighborhood.

The ConServ Concept is intended to tailor city government to meet the unique needs of diverse neighborhoods. The goal of Operation ConServ is to make residents confident about the future of their neighborhoods. Mary can be reached at 622-4628 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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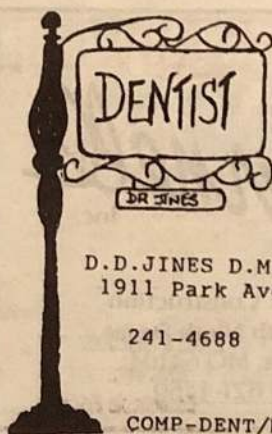
Souland "The Good Life Gets Better" Committee Report

Life in Souland gets better and better! Since our off-duty police golf cart patrol has started, the already-low rate of crime we had has gotten even lower! Our crime Czar Bob spends more time at home because of less crime activity. His wife, the beautiful Kathy, thanks you, the residents of Souland, for the funding of the golf cart crime patrol.

The special patrol has been "cartin'" through Souland for two months. Several arrests have been made and statistics show crime is down substantially, compared to the same months in years past. The

patrol has been especially effective in controlling juvenile crime activity. Curfew violations have become an exception rather than the norm. So, wave to the officers on the golf cart. Offer them an iced tea...keep your eyes and ears open and pass information on them when you see them!

Block captains...mobile patrol...volunteers keep up the good work...Thank you again for all the contributions to the off-duty police patrol. Anyone wanting to donate to the fund, send a check now while you are thinking about it to the SOULARD CRIME PATROL, c/o Souland Station, St. Louis, MO 63104. Any donation is appreciated.



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A RICH EXPERIENCE FROM SOULARD'S PAST



by
Carlis Dawson

Recently an Acacia Club member—a group from Anheuser Busch who feed the needy in Soulard parishes by providing Thanksgiving turkeys—stopped by my office and refreshed me with the following yarn.

"My grandparents, the Eberts, ran a bakery on the northeast corner of 13th and Geyer early in this century... er, ah, you do live on 13th in Soulard don't you?"

"Well, yes but, didn't..." as he gently smiled his way into my thinking.

"When I heard the expressway, I-55 was going to demolish the property in the next couple of weeks in the late fifties, I decided to go get Grandma Ebert and take her back for one last look at the bakery where she and Grandpa had labored for so many years. This was where she and my mother grew up. There was only a shell of a building, but the memories of the aroma of fresh baked goods and good old German chocolate cake, etc. seemed to stir her as I had not seen her in years.

"Suddenly, she asked me to take her to the back yard, and when we got out there we shared memories of the garden and the ovens and the carriage house for the horses which would travel about Soulard to deliver fresh baked bread to the homes and small

stores that dotted the neighborhood. As memories beget memories and pleasant thoughts stir the mind and soul to good things, it happened. She said, 'Marvin, could you get a metal detector?' I said, 'Sure, but for what?' She really didn't give too much detail; however, she showed me some places in the yard to look for old antique Mason jars, which she said she would enjoy having, because they were buried by her father—a German immigrant to Soulard in the late 1800s.

"Being a good German, I went out and rented a metal detector the next week and returned to the property before the demolition, where with very little effort, I located six old Mason jars with ceramic and zinc lids. To my amazement, they were filled with old black coins of all shapes and sizes. Would you believe they were gold coins buried by her father and I was the benefactor of the one very rich experience in Soulard once again.

"John and Veronika Ebert were also very patriotic—they flew an American flag over the bakery every day at 13th and Geyer. One of my proudest possessions is the 32-star flag that came from the old bakery. My point is—there is gold in Soulard... not just 30, 40 or 100 years ago... but today! You must live it to believe it, but Soulard is a very rich experience."

Thank you, Marvin, for sharing the gold on your experience.

Taste Of Soulard

by
Martlyn Wiethop

I lived for 18 years next door to one of the best cooks in Kirkwood. When I moved there I was just married and quite young, and she gave me this quick spaghetti recipe. You can make it just before you pull the chicken off the grill. I named it after her.

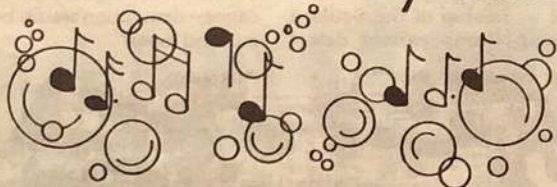
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- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1/2 large onion
- 14 oz. can tomato sauce
- 8 oz. thin spaghetti
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In large skillet, cook bacon and onion until bacon is crisp and onion is tender. Add can of tomato sauce, basil, spaghetti sauce seasoning and sugar. Simmer sauce while you cook your pasta. Do not overcook. Drain and add to sauce. This is a great dish made in about 15 minutes.



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COURTYARD OPEN

Letter to the Editor — "DEMOLITION AND COMMON SENSE"

by
Clark Rowley

Almost 20 years ago, Heritage/St. Louis produced a map of the area titled "Architectural Survey of Soulard, Anheuser-Busch and St. Agatha Neighborhoods." Copies of the map are still available through the Community Development Agency.

The interesting feature of the map is that it breaks down all the homes and buildings in the neighborhood according to their architectural significance.

There are six categories. The first four rankings—National Significance, State Significance, City Significance and Neighborhood Significance—enjoy the distinguished notation that, "Demolition would be a major cultural loss." The fifth category, Architectural Merit, notes that, "Demolition would diminish the integrity of the neighborhood." The sixth ranking, a black sheep category, is described as "little or no architectural merit—demolition would be inconsequential or advantageous."

The map and the survey of the architectural resources of the neighborhood was an excellent project. At the time, there was considerable question as to whether any architectural trappings of Soulard would survive for any length of time. The project and the resulting map might well have marked Soulard's epitaph.

Fortunately, such was not the case. Thanks to efforts by significant numbers of people, Soulard has become a solid residential area,

as well as home to a number of small businesses.

This success sort of throws the "Architectural Survey" into the side pocket. When it was undertaken, the survey seemed to imply: "Oh, please, at least try to save the significant ones, since we probably do not have a chance to save the entire neighborhood." Although the entire neighborhood was not saved, a remarkable share of it was reclaimed, certainly more than anybody would have dared predict when the survey map, dated October, 1975, was originally produced.

The architectural significance of any particular building is no longer the issue. Rather, maintaining upward movement of Soulard and preserving the overall architectural integrity is now of paramount importance.

Thus, it is disappointing to hear that 2524 South 12th St., located next door to a church, was okayed for demolition by a Soulard Restoration Group Committee because it was "not architecturally significant, and did not really contribute to the neighborhood, as was explained at the June meeting of the SRG. The building was torn down within the last year, and now a new building has been erected.

It is more disturbing to learn that the Heritage and Urban Design Commission, whose function it is to oversee and to protect the architectural ambience of the Soulard Historic District, among other historic districts, approved the demolition and also okayed the construction of the new building to replace the orig-

inal one. The replacement structure is significant for its ugliness.

To add insult to injury, one of the members of the Heritage and Urban Design Commission is a property owner and resident of Soulard.

Nobody can deny that Soulard has its share of problems. Any neighborhood, whether it be Ladue, Chesterfield or Hillsboro, has problems. The sooner the residents of a particular area recognize their problems, the sooner they can start working on the solutions. To ignore a problem, or to pretend that you do not have problems, is the first signal that more problems are going to start descending on the neighborhood.

Soulard has a history of volunteerism. This is very fortunate. The road to resolving our problems has always been cleared by volunteers. We do not wait for government. We neither wait for miracles, nor do we stick our heads in the sand. Frequently, decisions and group efforts have been undertaken after careful study and deliberation. This is the strength of Soulard and the Soulard Restoration Group. In the case of the demolition and new construction at 2524 S. 12th St., I feel that the guidelines created by common sense, integrity and knowledge of the interests of the neighborhood have been ignored. In summary, the neighborhood got the short end of the stick, and the cost is a chip out of the facade of the neighborhood and the creation of another eyesore.

If the leadership of the Soulard Restoration Group cannot detect



when a volunteer, sitting on an overseeing committee or commission, has lost track of neighborhood interests, then there is an indication that more trouble is brewing. It behooves the SRG leadership to study this matter.

I look forward to better decisions in the future, and I hope some explanation will be forthcoming regarding the debacle on S. 12th St.

Oh, and by the way, the demolished building in question was listed on the Landmarks/St. Louis survey as "Neighborhood Significance—demolition would be a major cultural loss."

Soulard in 1875



ST. LOUIS ZONING ORDINANCE INFORMATION

by Fred Andres

The City of St. Louis Zoning Ordinance establishes 12 zoning districts and partitions all City land into one of these districts. Each zoning district has certain permitted uses, conditional uses, and uses which are not allowed. Conditional uses require review by the Board of Public Service. Denials can be appealed to the Board of Adjustment. A use that is not allowed in a zoning district can be permitted through a zoning variance, which must be approved by the Board of Adjustment.

The best way to understand the zoning districts is to note the uses which are permitted, not allowed, and conditionally allowed in the table shown.

The predominant zoning district in Souldard is "D" multi-family. However, there are other zoning districts and, in particular, three which are inconsistent with current trends in neighborhood development. The blocks between Lynch, Sydney, 11th and 12th are zoned "K" unrestricted; the area between 12th, Ann, and Gravois is zoned "J" industrial, and all of Geyer St. between 7th and 12th is zoned "G" commercial. A map highlighting Souldard's zoning districts is also shown.



CITY OF ST. LOUIS GENERALIZED SUMMARY OF ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY USE

P - PERMITTED USE
C - CONDITIONAL USE
NA - NOT ALLOWED
- - - PROVISIONS SPECIFIED IN CODE
□ - RESIDENTIAL USE

USE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1. ACCESSORY STRUCTURES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2. ACID MANUFACTURE	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3. ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
4. BAKERY SHOPS	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5. BARBER & BEAUTY SHOPS	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
6. BARS & TAVERNS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
7. BOOK, MAGAZINE & STATIONERY STORES	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
8. BUTCHER SHOPS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
9. CANOPY	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
10. CARRY-OUT RESTAURANTS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
11. CEMENT, LIME, GYPSUM OR PLASTER OF PARIS MANUFACTURE	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
12. CEMETERIES	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
13. CHURCHES	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
14. COMMERCIAL USES SIMILAR TO THOSE ALLOWED	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15. COMPUTER STORES	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
16. DAY CARE CENTERS	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
17. DRUG STORES	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
18. DRY-CLEANING PICK-UP STATIONS (NO DYEING PROCESSING)	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
19. DRY GOODS SHOPS	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
20. DYEING & CLEANING WORKS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
21. FARMING & TRUCK GARDENING	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
22. FERTILIZER MANUFACTURING & POTASH REFINING	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
23. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
24. FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES MANUFACTURING OR STORAGE	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
25. FLORISTS	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
26. FUEL MANUFACTURER	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
27. FUNERAL PARLORS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
28. GARBAGE, OFFAL OR DEAD ANIMAL REDUCTION OR DUMPING	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
29. GIFT SHOPS	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
30. GOVERNMENTAL BUILDINGS	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
31. GREENHOUSES	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
32. GROCERY & OTHER RETAIL STORES NOT EXCEEDING 3500 SQ. FT.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
33. GROCERY & OTHER RETAIL STORES EXCEEDING 3500 SQ. FT.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
34. HARDWARE STORES	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
35. HOBBY & TOY SHOPS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
36. HOME OCCUPATIONS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
37. HOTELS	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
38. HOTELS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
39. LAUNDRIES	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
40. LIVELY STABLES & RIDING ACADEMIES	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
41. MILK DISTRIBUTING & BOTTLING	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
42. MIXED USES INCLUDING ANY PERMITTED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL USES	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
43. MOTOR FUEL PUMPING STATIONS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
44. MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLINGS	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
45. NURSING & CONVEYERENT HOMES	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
46. OFF-STREET AUTOMOBILE PARKING FACILITIES	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
47. PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
48. PARKING FACILITIES AND OPEN LOTS LOCATED BETWEEN THE FRONT YARD LINE AND STRUCTURE	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
49. PARKING LOTS (COMMERCIAL)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
50. PERMITTED COMMERCIAL USES EXCEEDING 3500 SQ. FT.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
51. PERMITTED COMMERCIAL USES IN STRUCTURES EXCEEDING 3500 SQ. FT. NOT TO BE ERRECTED, ENLARGED OR STRUCTURALLY ALTERED OR MOVED	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
52. PERMITTED COMMERCIAL USES EXCEEDING 7500 SQ. FT. PROVIDED THE STRUCTURE IS NOT TO BE ERRECTED, ENLARGED OR ALTERED OR STRUCTURALLY	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
53. PERMITTED COMMERCIAL USES EXCEEDING 7500 SQ. FT. WITHIN A COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE TO BE ERRECTED, ENLARGED OR STRUCTURALLY ALTERED OR MOVED	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
54. PET SHOPS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
55. PETROLEUM REFINING	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
56. PRINTING SHOPS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
57. PRIVATE CLUBS OR LODGES	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
58. PROFESSIONAL AND GENERAL OFFICES NOT EXCEEDING 3500 SQ. FT.	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
59. PROFESSIONAL AND GENERAL OFFICES	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
60. PUBLICLY OWNED MUSEUMS & ART GALLERIES	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
61. PUBLICLY OWNED PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS & LIBRARIES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
62. RESTAURANTS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
63. ROOMING & BOARDING HOUSES	NA	NA	NA	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
64. SALVAGE STORAGE, WHOLESALE OR RETAILING	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
65. SCHOOLS	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
66. SEMI-ATTACHED 2-FAMILY DWELLINGS OR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR FAMILIES	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
67. SHOE REPAIR SHOPS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
68. SIGNS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
69. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
70. SMELTING OR REFINING OF METALS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
71. STOCKYARDS OR ABATTOIR	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
72. TEMPORARY BUILDINGS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
73. THEATERS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
74. TINSMITH OR SHEET METAL SHOPS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
75. TOWNHOUSES THAT FRONT PUBLIC STREET	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
76. TOWNHOUSES THAT DO NOT FRONT PUBLIC STREET	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
77. TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
78. USES WITH A SALES OR SERVICE WINDOW	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
79. UTILITY STATIONS & UTILITY TOWERS	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
80. VIDEO & RECORD STORES	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
81. WHOLESALE BUSINESSES	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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SECRETARY'S CORNER

by
Susan Varner

Following are notes from the July 1 Souland Restoration Group monthly meeting, the July 14 board meeting, and the August 5 monthly membership meeting (recorded by Nancy Adams).

Monthly meeting, July 1—President Richard Eaton called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. 70 people were present, including seven visitors.

Ronnie White, State Representative of the 63rd District, reported on district boundary changes and the final decision to keep the St. Mary's Honor Center out of the Malcolm Bliss building near Souland. 7th Ward Alderman Phyllis Young reported many inquiries on the Souland Market Master position. Jack Garvey, a candidate for Circuit Attorney made brief remarks.

The Secretary's Report was read, amended and approved. Treasurer's Report was approved as was the Board Report.

Richard Eaton acknowledged Thelma Hemmen's retirement, with a round of applause from the membership for her efforts on behalf of the organization.

Beautification Committee: Mary Sheridan reported Souland had won 2nd place in the Operation Brightside contest.

Ways & Means: Nancy Adams urged people to volunteer to work at the VP Fair since it is possible for the SRG to make as much as \$4,000 from the fair.

Membership/Special Events: Chuck Coker announced that dues notices will be sent in July. All dues will be due in July. An individual is not considered a member and will not be allowed to vote until his/her dues are paid. The SRG will have an information booth in Souland Market Plaza for Bastille Days. The annual softball game with Lafayette Square Association will be noon, July 19 at Lafayette Park. A special Souland picnic will be held August 22.

Crime Prevention: Bob Kralberg announced the police patrol started on June 5. Crime decreased substantially in June this year. Car thefts have been cut 50%. Another fundraiser is being planned.

Residential Promotion: Gary Siddens gave a report on preparations for the Fall House and Garden Tour, scheduled for September 26 and 27. The restoration aspects of the homes will be emphasized.

Code and Zoning: Fred Andres reported on the warehouse between 12th and 13th behind Sidney St. The goal is to have residential property remain residential. The warehouse is a commercial property, and the hat factory application is commercial; therefore, the consistent position is that the committee will support that particular application. The zoning map of Souland, with description, will appear in the next issue of *The Renaissance*.

The Renaissance: Carlis Dawson reported on finances, distribution and the fantastic acceptance of the paper by the business community.

Community Outreach: Carlis Dawson reported in Don Kehr's absence. The Souland Beyond 2000 Committee

reported on their dreams for Souland. Everyone was invited to join the committee at their next meeting, July 18 at Bon Appetit. Application was made for the SRG for the Visitors' Convention Bureau.

New Business: Miles Sommer reported that several owners of property surrounding the vacant lot at 10th & Emmet are interested in purchasing the property to develop it into a park. Kathy Duckworth reported that McDonnell-Douglas may make grant funds available to the neighborhood through their employees and asked if anyone present was a McDonnell-Douglas employee. Magna Bank is bringing 160 people in two buses for a neighborhood tour of Souland on July 31.

Richard Eaton adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The social was held at the home of Richard Eaton and John Durnell.

Board Meeting, July 14—The meeting, held at Richard Eaton's home was called to order at 7:50 p.m. Present were Richard Eaton, Nancy Adams, Jeanne Weber, Carlis Dawson, Susan Varner, Gary Siddens, Charles Ryburn and Elaine Wright. Kathy Duckworth and Chuck Coker were excused.

The Code & Zoning Committee report will be postponed until the August meeting.

Budget Review: Nancy Adams, Treasurer, indicated that there were some '91 House Tour expenses in the '92 Treasurer's Reports. A \$3,500 to \$4,000 gross profit was realized from the VP Fair booth. The money for annual membership dues will be coming in within the next month. The Membership/Special Events Committee made \$96 during Bastille Day by selling coffee cups and tee shirts.

Beautification Committee: Richard Eaton reported that upkeep is required on a regular basis at the Souland Market Park planted areas. Wood chips were distributed in time for Bastille Day, with the help of the Meyers brothers, who received payment from Alderman Phyllis Young. Refurbishing of some of the street trash cans can be accomplished with new lids only, at a cost of \$60. Cans with lids cost \$250 each.

Ways & Means: Nancy Adams thanked everyone who worked at the VP Fair. Ideas for next year's fair were discussed. Charles Ryburn volunteered to be next year's chairman, with Elaine Wright agreeing to be his assistant.

Membership/Special Events: The annual softball game with Lafayette Square will be noon, Sunday, July 18, at Lafayette Park. The picnic will be August 22.

Residential Promotion: The next Fall House Tour meeting will be at Gary Siddens' on July 22 at 7:30 p.m. On the schedule so far are four homes and three gardens, with more possibilities. Tour Headquarters will be at the McCormack-Baron offices at Menard and Ann Sts.

Code & Zoning: Elaine Wright reported that Jessica Werner, the potential buyer of the Smile Building has been in contact with Code & Zoning.

The Renaissance: Carlis Dawson has received calls showing interest in the

paper from the *Riverfront Times* and the *Post-Dispatch*. Debated was the possibility of printing two more issues for 1992 instead of three issues.

New Business: The 47th National Preservation Conference will be held in St. Louis in September, 1993. This year's convention will be in Miami in October.

It was agreed to send a plant to Bob Kralberg following his knee surgery. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Membership Meeting, August 5—Called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Richard Eaton. 59 people were present, including 14 visitors. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved. The next item on the agenda was a special one for the SRG. Thelma Hemmen was honored for her 17 years as a member of the SRG and for her 13 years as administrative assistant for the group. Best wishes upon her retirement were offered by Alderman Phyllis Young for the Board of Aldermen and by Elaine Wright for the SRG Board of Directors. Others also expressed their gratitude for the contributions Thelma has made to the organization and to the neighborhood.

Richard Eaton reported that volunteers are needed to help with the Market Park plaza maintenance. Nancy Adams thanked everyone for their hard work at the VP Fair booth July 4th weekend. Final profit figures will be known by the end of September. Chuck Coker reported that the Souland softball team

lost a close game to the team from Lafayette Square. Also, he reported that the SRG picnic will be held August 22 at Tower Grove park at the west picnic area beginning at 12:00 noon. The SRG will provide the meat, but it's BYO everything else. Kathy Duckworth reported that the crime rate was substantially lower in the neighborhood compared to past years, mostly due to the "golf cart" police patrol. Steve and Cindy Dugga then gave a demonstration on security systems for home, car, and personal use. John Durnell, reporting for Gary Siddens, asked for volunteers to work at the annual Fall House Tour, which will be held September 26 & 27. He said the post tour party will be really special! Fred Andres indicated that a zoning map will be included in the next issue of *The Renaissance*. Carlis Dawson stated that the current issue of *The Renaissance* is being typeset. Introduced was a proposed amendment to the SRG bylaws to reduce the number of papers issued in a year from 6 to 5. This issue will be presented one more time to the membership, and a vote will be taken in October. John Durnell updated the membership on the status of the Information Center.

Richard Eaton appointed a nominating committee to select candidates for the November election. The committee will be Cindy Harrison, Ron D'Aloia, Pam Pierce, Mary Sheridan, and Jeanne Weber. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55, and Gary and Kathy Siddens hosted the post-meeting social.



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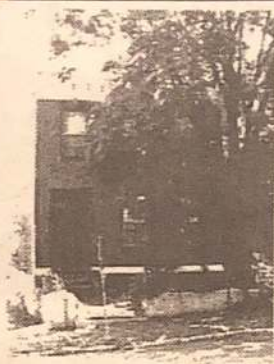
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814 Ann : Top of the line contemporary 6 year old Wotka designed town house set in pretty courtyard. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, parking, alarms, oak floors, gorgeous fireplace, master suite with balcony, track lights, full basement and more! \$92,500



2300 So. 11th : The "Rose Haven" was once considered the best bed and breakfast in St. Louis with its romantic fireplaces, hardwood floors, high ceilings, large turn of the century windows, remarkable courtyard and more! An investment bonus, it has 2 apartments rented on a monthly basis. \$120,000.



906 Geyer : The heart of Souland! A wonderful rehab with mature trees, 2 car parking, central A/C, and large rooms! You must see this 6 room home with its 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths! Don't wait! \$139,000



720 Lami : Contemporary three story Wotka rehab. with three bedrooms one and half baths. Light and airy, pretty yard, off street parking, master bedroom suite, pretty porch, excellent buy for professional or first timer! \$77,900.



1109 Lami : Exceptional Souland home superbly restored retaining much of the original charm. Wood floors throughout, updated kitchen, superb formal D/R with beautiful porch leading out into magnificently landscaped yard. Don't miss this one! \$93,500.



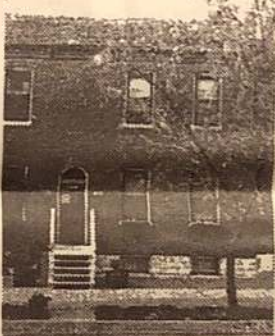
2215 Menard : Lovely location on scenic corner lot. Gorgeous yard with shaded patio. Beautifully updated and totally rehabbed with 4 beds & 2.5 baths. There's a fireplace in the master bed, a super kitchen, family room with w/b fireplace, covered porches. \$119,000.



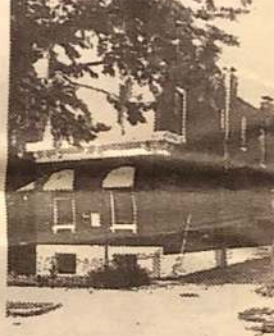
1925 R So. 9th. : This quiet alley house is remarkable! All systems are updated, brand new carpet, open design with one bedroom, one bath, and efficient Franklin Stove! \$49,000



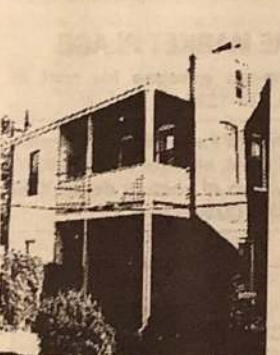
2318 So. 9th : Three story atrium, three levels of decks including roof with arch & downtown view. Master bedroom with woodburner, huge closets, all new systems, gut rehab in early 80's. Tiny amount of TLC. \$99,500.



1226 Russell : Beautiful three year old contemporary rehab! Pastel colors, lots of light! Easy living open floor plan. Great kitchen/diner. Pretty yard. Off street parking. Three bedrooms & 1.5 baths, Central Electric cooling with humidifier and gas forced air heating. \$86,000.



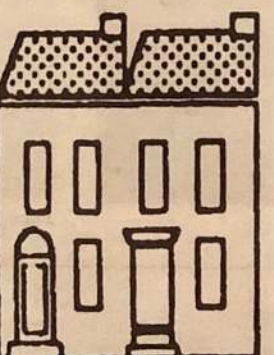
726 Shenandoah : Very liveable fixer upper with four car garage, workshop at rear. Three bedrooms and two baths, above ground pool, zoned commercial. \$46,500.



1846R So. 10th : Roomy Carriage house superbly rehabbed in pretty courtyard. Great location in the heart of exciting Souland! Attractive porch off the master bedroom, don't pass this one by, view it today! \$82,500.



1840 So. 10th : 1820's built Souland townhouse, gut rehabbed in 1986. On the register of national historic buildings. Excellent first time buy. Great location, with three bedrooms 1.5 baths, C/A, off street parking. \$76,000.



2356 So. 10th : Two top quality units! Great to show, great to rent! Expandable third floor for upper unit, garage. Top rental location. Also a great great buy for owner occupier. \$92,500.



2504/6 So. 12th : Fantastic investment opportunity for owner occupier or developer, two units already partially rehabbed and liveable, will go into two townhouses + 2 1 or 2 bed apartments or potential 6 family building in good shape. \$74,500.



2327 So. 12th : Fabulous opportunity to acquire one of only three true mansions remaining in Souland, built in 1890 by Charles Lange used for movie sets!! Beautifully preserved formal L/R with cherrywood mantle, Art Nouveau style D/R, in ground pool with decks, oversized garage! \$139,000.