

The Soulard Restorationist

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Soulard, the oldest surviving St. Louis neighborhood, now a national historic district, is coming alive again. And the Restoration Group, as part of its ten year anniversary is opening its membership with a special friends category.

The goal, according to Friends of Soulard Chairperson Alice Jennings, is to invite the general public to participate in the area's rebirth. "We've got a great deal of which to be proud. Soulard is not just a history lesson for descendants of yesterday's immigrants—it's also a story about a once decaying neighborhood that is bouncing vigorously back."

The Friends of Soulard program allows individuals who may not live in Soulard to help the Restoration Group achieve its goals—without sitting through a lot of meetings or buying and rehabbing an old building.

Membership entitles "friends" to numerous benefits as well. First, members receive a subscription to *The Soulard Restorationist*, the group's bimonthly newsletter, and a great way to get caught up on events in the district. An exclusive "friends only" preview of the annual Fall House Tour is also included.

"Best of all," says SRG President Kathy Poe, "friends get the satisfaction of knowing they are contributing to living history and to the preservation of a vital part of our St. Louis heritage."

Visitors from out of town can feel a sense of history walking down Soulard streets, says Poe, but often St. Louisans take the area a little for granted.

SOULARD looks for a few CLOSE FRIENDS

But, if you crossed the Mississippi River in 1860, as many settlers did, you would very likely have made Soulard your home.

That's not the area's only distinction, of course. Ulysses S. Grant once sold cordwood at Soulard Market, for example. The district is also the home to the legendary DeMenil, Lemp and Feurbacher Mansions—and so many immigrant apartments that it became St. Louis' first apartment area. Lots of cold beer, too—because Soulard is the birthplace of Anheuser-Busch, Falstaff and five other breweries.

Monsanto has its oldest plant here, and if you're looking for the oldest surviving farmer's market in America, you'll find it in Soulard.

History buff and SRG Board member

Gary Cope says it all adds up to a unique regional resource. "It helps explain why Soulard was the first neighborhood in St. Louis to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places." It's a combination of national and local significance that gives Soulard a remarkable heritage, says Cope. "Why, you'll even find here the first residential building to have hot water heat," he laughs.

The Soulard neighborhood is named for Antoine Soulard, a French exile and surveyor of the Louisiana territories for the government of Spain. In the 1790's, Antoine was granted a tract of land just south of St. Louis. His widow Julia subdivided the family estate in the early 1840's.

Soulard has been home to many dif-

ferent groups of people: Germans, French, Czechs, Slovaks, Syrians, Croations and Hungarians all settled in Soulard. "Check your family tree," says Jennings. "It's possible one of your own ancestors lived in a neighborhood like Soulard. That's why we believe many people will be very interested in joining the Friends program."

New friends will be joining an organization with a proud track record over a decade old. Formed in 1974, the Restoration Group is a not for profit organization active in the preservation and promotion of Soulard.

Their efforts have prevented the demolition of scores of buildings in the district, many of which are now renovated homes. Working with banks, government officials, business people, and potential home buyers, the group has shown the world that city living can exist again in more modern times.

Soulard House Tours, for example, have become a St. Louis institution. The group maintains a housing office as a service to prospective residents, and undertakes numerous civic projects designed to make Soulard more liveable.

"We know there are many others out there who share our enthusiasm for Soulard," says Jennings. "But we recognize that everyone can't buy a home here. But we need them anyway as friends."

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Notes from the Brickhouse

by Kathy Dabrowski-Poe
President, SRG

February was a hectic month for the Board of Directors. Many meetings were held and many issues were considered. On February 8, board members appeared before the Special Blighting Committee of the St. Louis Board of Alderman. Testimony was given by several board members regarding the status of seven, vacant buildings in the Soulard Historic District. The SRG recommended to the committee that the buildings be blighted and made available for redevelopment. To date, the committee has not acted on the buildings, but it is understood that a decision will be made in the near future.

Another issue that was brought before the SRG board was the rezoning of the "Schaeffer Mansion" (located at the northwest corner of S. 13th and Lami) from residential to commercial. Although there was some neighborhood opposition to this proposal, the board felt that the proposed use of the building, after rezoning, will be a good use. The Mead McClellan Partnership is planning to develop the building into commercial office space. Potential tenants include a graphic designer and architectural firm.

The Soulard Beautification Committee/I Leaf Soulard has been working very hard to get ready for the April 7, Arbor Day planting. The committee, under the direction of Anne Lewis, is planning to have available for planting 1½" caliper trees. Residents will be asked to dig and prepare the tree hole for planting. The committee is also making trees available at a wholesale price to residents who want to plant them in their yards.

"Soulard, Experience It", is the theme of the 10th Annual Fall House Tour. The House Tour Committee, headed by Richard Eaton and John Durnell announced the theme at the March membership meeting. The committee has been meeting twice a month since January to make plans for the tour. Contact Richard and John if you are interested in volunteering.

Neighborhood Marketing Services, Inc. has asked the SRG to participate in Preservation Week activities. On Sunday

May 6, a Rehab Ramble will begin at Soulard Market. The SRG will prepare box lunches for Rehab Ramble participants. We will also sell other Soulard memorabilia. Volunteers are needed to serve on the committee. If you are interested, please give me a call.

The Friends of Soulard program, developed by Alice Jennings, was kicked off with a Cocktail Party on March 22. Alice, who is chairman of the Friends of Soulard Committee, is to be congratulated for a job well done. See the Friends of Soulard story and photos in this issue.

Once again, the luck of the Irish was with Hilary Clements, Mardi Gras Association President. Even though the weather was a tad cold, the parade, ball and all Mardi Gras activities came off with out a hitch. The SRG participated by walking in the parade with the "I Leaf Soulard" banner. One thing we need to start planning for now is the SRG float for Mardi Gras 1985. VOLUNTEERS ANYONE????? Congratulations Hilary on a successful, fun Mardi Gras.



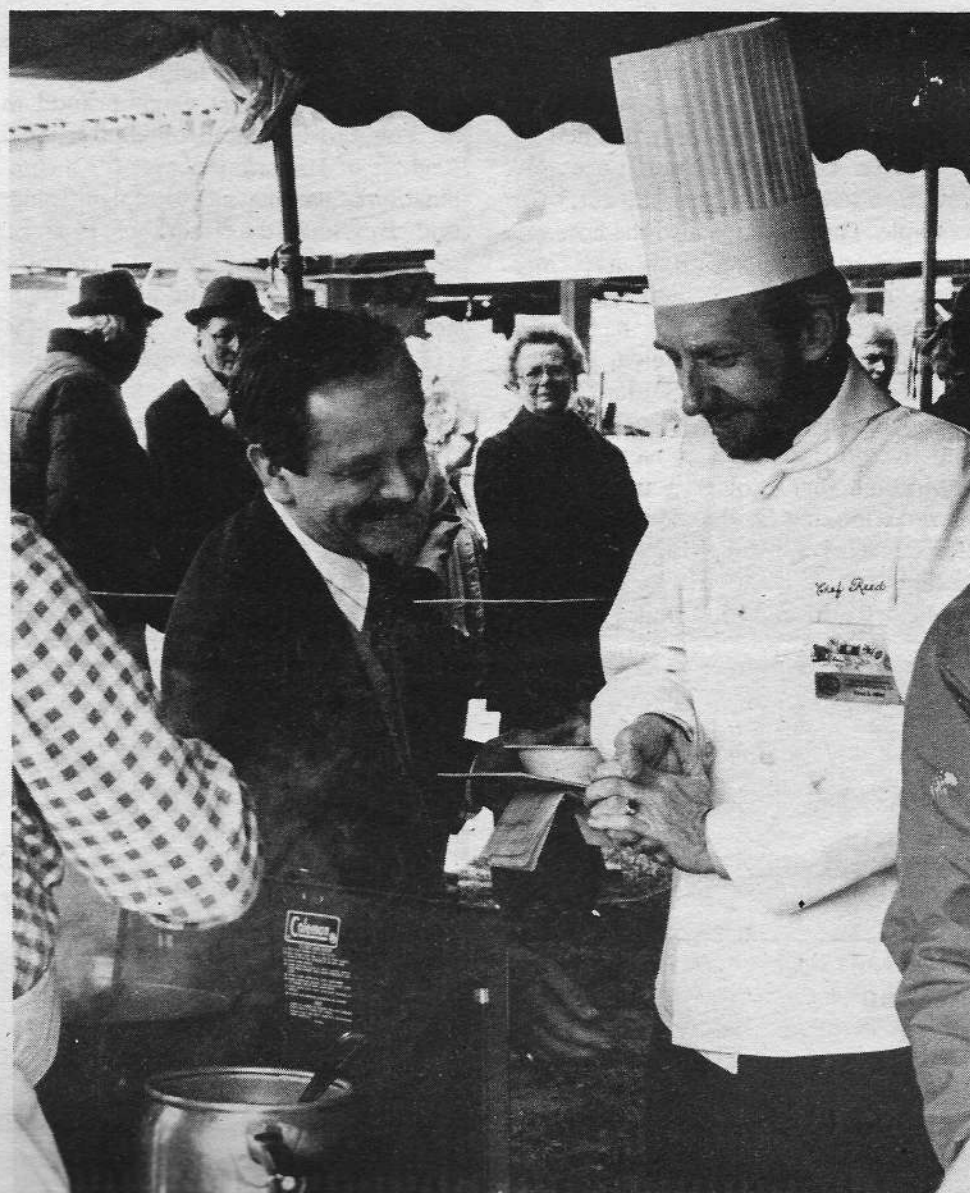
The Mardi Gras parade featured exciting entries from well-wishers throughout the St. Louis area. Not to be outdone was the SRG whose members marched behind our very own banner.

— photo by Bill Poe



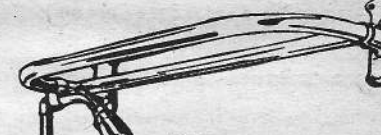
The Mardi Gras Ball at the Boilermaker's Hall was a rousing success once again with the music of Singleton Palmer, the delicious Creole cooking of the Chefs des Cuisine and the glamorous costumes of the merrymakers. Here, Bob and Earl show their stuff. That's Bob Davis on the left and Earl Culver on the right.

— Photo by Bill Poe



The fragrance of genuine Creole cooking tempted the noses of the judges as amateur and professional cooks alike competed for prizes during the cook-off held under a huge tent at Soulard's Market. Here judge Ralph Allen (left) and Chef Reed of the Chefs des Cuisine sample the fare of one of the contestants.

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ARBOR DAY Tree Planting

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Both types of plantings will improve the appearance and quality of life in the neighborhood, especially as the trees grow. However, volunteers are needed to plant the street trees, make refreshments for the planters, etc. There will, of course, be a party following the planting. So get involved in this very visible neighborhood improvement.

See you Arbor Day!

Jay Gibbs



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Fall House Tour Plans

"Souldard — Experience It" is the theme for SRG's tenth annual house tour which will be held on September 15th and 16th. The posters, banners, and publicity will feature the infamous Souldard Star found on most buildings in our neighborhood.

Many different events are being planned this year because of the anniversary celebration. One highlight being planned is a four mile run through our historic neighborhood for Sunday morning the 16th. Other events being planned for Pontiac Park will feature ethnic food booths, an art show, antique show, and a turn of the century fashion show. The houses, churches and businesses on this year's tour will be located in all sections of Souldard with emphasis on finished decors.

The house tour committee is enthusiastic about this year's tour and already has commitments from four persons who have said, "Yes, I'll put my house on this tour." In addition, one garden has been committed. The committee welcomes input from anyone and asks your help in spreading the word about our 10th annual house tour. That is, Souldard — Experience It!

Richard Eaton

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ALDERMANIC REPORT

Just a brief report this month...

My aldermanic *office hours* have been revised from 10-2PM to 2:00 PM-5:00 PM *Daily (Mon thru Fri)*. We found it difficult to conduct business during the 10-2 hours as most city offices were shorthanded during the lunch hour. I hope these new hours will be convenient for all my constituents. Please do not hesitate to call (772-3800) or stop by (2701 Shenandoah) if you have a question or problem you would like to be addressed.

Monthly Neighborhood Leaders Meetings—Once a month, I have been having a meeting with the various neighborhood leaders throughout the 7th Ward. These meetings have proven to be very helpful to myself, and equally to the participants, as they have a chance to compare notes about what has worked and what has not in the various neighborhoods. This month, representatives from CDA were present to discuss the numerous programs available in the

city to individuals interested in housing development. Next month, we've invited a panel of bankers, experienced developers and CDA personnel to further discuss the housing development process in the City of St. Louis.

Housing Implementation Program (HIP)—I am happy to say, with the support of S.R.G., I have been successful in securing funding from CDA for two projects in the Soulard area. One is being developed by Mead-McClellan and the other by Collins and Hermann. If you would like further information on these, or any other project receiving city funds, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

by Sorkis J. Webbe, Jr.
Alderman—7th Ward



DANCE SCHOOL IN SOULARD

The Saint Louis Conservatory of Dance is currently negotiating for space to open its permanent home in Soulard. The Conservatory, owned and operated by St. Louis native Ron Hansford, teaches a full curriculum of academic dance (Classical Ballet), including beginning and advanced classes for children and adults.

Hansford has performed, trained, and taught with a variety of national and international companies and schools, including the New York Conservatory of Dance, the San Francisco Ballet, and two

companies in Germany. He has returned to St. Louis to open the Conservatory, and thinks Soulard is the place to do it. Hansford also plans to buy a home here eventually.

Hansford hopes to obtain his Soulard space within the next few weeks. In the meantime, classes will be held in Florissant. A special introductory offer of \$2.00 per class for the first thirty students is being offered. For more information call Ron at 921-2767 or write to him at P.O. Box 1119, Florissant, Missouri 63031.



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BOTANICAL GARDEN



Steven A. Frowine,
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As the days lengthen and the temperatures start to rise, gardening activity increases. Here are a few jobs that you can do in your garden this month.

As soon as the ground is dry enough to work, begin preparing new flower and vegetable beds. Add plenty of organic matter (3-5") and about two pounds of a 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 sq. ft.

At the beginning of this month start pruning your fruit trees. Prune out any of the limbs which are damaged or diseased. Also, cut-out any limbs which cross or rub. The main objective in pruning fruit trees is to allow light penetration to the center of the tree so the fruit will ripen properly. This is also a good time to plant new fruit trees. Try the apple varieties like Liberty, Prima, Priscilla, and Sir Prize which are apple-scab resistant so you won't have to spray very often.

This is a good time to plant bare-root roses and other dormant shrubs. Try the new hybrid tea rose called Olympiad. I tested in my garden last year and was very happy with it. It's a beautiful crimson-red rose which holds its color for a long time.

In early April you still have time to apply a dormant oil spray to roses and fruit trees.

Repot your houseplants. They appreciate these long, bright days and will re-establish themselves quickly after transplanting.

Look for salt damage. If you see brown areas of your lawn close to paved areas or suspect that large amounts of salt have been used near some of your plants, apply

gypsum on the surface of the soil. It will neutralize some of the bad effects of salt.

Plant strawberries as soon as the ground is workable. Try various hybrid June-bearing types of strawberries. Everbearers are a waste of time in St. Louis. Our summers are usually so hot that the flower blossoms abort and do not form fruits.

Although most garden supply stores will have many sales offering fertilizer to the public at good prices, April is not the best time to apply lawn fertilizer. Buy your lawn fertilizer now to save money, but hold off on using it. Apply it in the middle to the latter part of May so the fertilizer will nourish the grass through the hot summer months.

To control crabgrass in an established lawn apply a pre-emergence herbicide now through April 15. If you are going to seed your lawn at the same time that you want to control crabgrass, use a special pre-emergence herbicide called *Tupersan*. Ask your garden supplier for more information.

If you have problems with chickweed in your lawn, apply a weed killer like Trimec after the weeds begin new growth. Trimec will also control dandelions; apply this material *before* they flower. You will probably be more successful in controlling broadleaf weeds if you use a liquid spray rather than the combination fertilizer/herbicide granule material which is commonly sold to be put on with a lawn spreader.

Friends of Soulard

We would like to welcome our new Friends of Soulard.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Eric Otten

The Small Garden

by John Brooks.

\$13.50 Van Nostrand Reinhold Company
(At this writing can be purchased at B. Dalton.)

This is far and away the best garden book for the Soulard Area I have ever seen and I've looked at dozens. It is a brilliantly written book (& I do not use brilliantly lightly). The book is as valuable for the casual gardener as for the most painstaking. The Small Garden takes you step by step through various frameworks and ideas, and offers variations on all possible ideas. For example, there is an excellent chapter on fences — the pros and cons, and costs of various fences (wood, brick, concrete, stone, metal & glass), and then detailed plans and sound advice on how to construct the fences yourself or when you might need a contractor! The book is beautifully photographed and laid out and that in itself is worth its price, even if you do not pick up a spade. Extremely detailed, and easy to follow plans

for various kinds of gardens are in the book — don't the titles make you want to spit on a hand and pick up a spade? "Oasis in the heart of a City" "In a Secret Garden" "A Wild Garden In A Controlled Setting" "In The Shadow of Willows" "A City Jungle" "Simple Solutions For A Low Maintained Garden" "A Japanese Balcony." Other sections in the book cover *Your Design*, SHAPING THE GARDEN, EXTENDING THE HOUSE INTO THE GARDEN, SUCCESSFUL SMALL GARDENS, DESIGNING WITH PLANTS, LIVING IN THE GARDEN.

Topics covered include Formal and Natural pools, Where Children Play, Space Saving Vegetables, Herbs, Plants for Fall Color and Winter Interest, and Plants Resistant to Pollution! I am not a very capable hand in the garden myself, but this book made me feel that if I planned ahead and was willing to work, that a wondrous garden was within my reach, both financially and within my skills.

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Traffic Committee Report

Even though I am sure most of you are familiar with the Operation Safestreet program recently established by Mayor Schoemehl, you may not be aware that Safestreet is actually composed of several different programs. One of these is Project Quiet Street. Under the umbrella of Quiet Street, "neighborhood traffic patterns will be redesigned by residents and elected officials to discourage non-resident traffic." Also, Quiet Street "is designed to increase a neighborhood's sense of community and security and to help residents identify strangers and suspicious occurrences." Hence, the purposes of the current SRG Traffic Committee. Soulard is scheduled for Phase II of Safestreet and the target date for implementation of our Master Traffic Plan is June 1984.

The Traffic Committee has identified the major land uses that generate much of our traffic. We have also attempted to locate all commercial developments, though some seem to crop up weekly due to our chock-a-block zoning throughout Soulard. We were able to obtain the most recent traffic counts for many of our streets from the City Traffic Division and have also located all existing stop signs and traffic controls. With this information, and armed with the Soulard Restoration Plan dating from 1975 (CDA Green Book), the Traffic Committee prepared a rough outline of a Master Plan suggesting some cul-de-sacs, several streets to be posted against commercial traffic, more stop signs, etc. •

We took this Master Plan to City Hall for a meeting on February 16th with a representative of Operation Safestreet and two traffic engineers from the City Traffic Division. Also in attendance were members of the Board from SRG as well as Bob Brandhorst and Joyce Sohn representing SNIA. While we were advised that our initial proposals were reasonable, we were urged to make sure all our desires for traffic diverters, closed streets, etc. would be included in a final Master Plan prior to the June date.

Once this Master Plan is agreed upon

between ourselves, members of SNIA and the City, a public hearing will be scheduled and Mayor Schoemehl will make the Master Plan known to the neighborhood residents for their responses and reactions.

The meeting of April 4th will be the SRG's chance to register the desires, objections, and recommendations of the members to the Traffic Committee. May I make a couple of suggestions to you concerning that April 4th meeting: do not merely state that you want your own street closed to through traffic. Do a little research and propose an alternate route for that through traffic to take. The City requires alternate routes before they can close streets or drastically divert traffic. Secondly, do not simply move the traffic from your street to your neighbor's street. Heavy traffic is a price we all pay for living in an area so close to commercial development and industry. So if you have any questions or suggestions that cannot wait until April 4th, call either me, Peter Sortino, Paul Kjorlie, Bob Printz, Skip Gatermann or Carolyn Swindell.

Judith Johnson

'84 Preservation Weeks in St. Louis

May 5-19

"Preservation is Taking Care of America" is the theme for this year's Preservation Week and nowhere in the country is this motto more avidly upheld than in St. Louis. Because of the phenomenal growth and national status as the number one city in America for rehabilita-

tion and redevelopment, Landmarks Association and Neighborhood Marketing Services are co-hosting '84 Preservation Weeks in St. Louis. The following is only a partial list of the variety of activities that have been planned for the fortnight in May:

Central West End House & Garden Tour	May 5 & 6
4th Annual Rehab Bicycle Ramble	May 6
Central Business District Walking Tour	May 9
South Side Preservation Week Run	May 12
Benton Park House Tour	May 12
House of the Month *Fox Park	May 13
Church Tour	May 15
Lunch & Lecture at Mercantile Library	May 16
Adaptive Reuse Tour	May 19

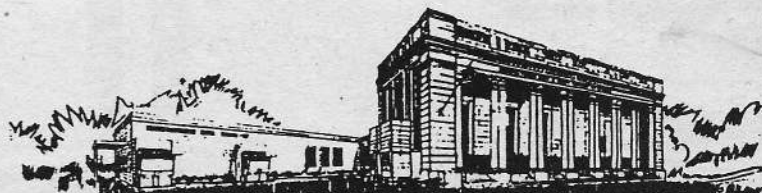


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SRG KICKS OFF NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It was all smiles Thursday evening, March 22, as guests welcomed in the Friends of Soulard at a VIP reception held at the award winning home of Debbie and Tony Hanson on South 11th Street.

SRG Board members hosted business, government and educational leaders to publicize the new program designed to widen Soulard's perception throughout the region.

Membership dues collected from Friends are used to provide operating funds for the restoration group.

Guests learned more about the program while touring the Hanson home, soon to be featured in an upcoming edition of Better Homes & Gardens Magazine.

Reception among visitors was highly enthusiastic. Most guests found the program a great way to help a neighborhood "we often admired but for one reason or another, cannot live in ourselves."

Signed memberships are exceeding projections, according to Friends Chairperson Alice Jennings.

Soulard's new friends enjoy the kick off party.



CRIME IN SOULARD

Unfortunately, there is crime news in Souland these days. During the four years that I have lived in the neighborhood, one of my favorite "explaining Souland" tasks was telling my county friends that Souland in fact has very little crime. Actually, compared to the general population, and certain other "trendy" city neighborhoods (not to mention certain affluent county suburbs) that's still true. But there have been some burglaries lately, and we should talk about them too.

What I have always said to my county friends was:

1. I feel safe in Souland. I'm a city person (even though I grew up in the country) and I would rather take the risks that entails than live in the "burbs." I walk around here much more at night than I do when I go home to the country.

2. Souland doesn't have much violent crime, unless you count the typical South St. Louis stuff of someone beating up his cousin or brother-in-law after a night at the local tavern. Since my brothers-in-law don't live here and aren't prone to violence (although they do enjoy taverns), I don't count that sort of family-or-friend crime. And, as I always had to respond to the inevitable question, a certain well-reported apartment murder a couple of years ago did *not* occur in Souland, despite what the *Post-Dispatch* may have repeatedly told you. (Did any of my county friends ever read the tiny "corrections" that the *Post* printed after each incorrect article? No.) Those of us who live here understand very well the physical boundaries that separate (and protect) our neighborhood from others, but my county friends never do.

3. In the past Souland has suffered from some daytime burglaries but not recently. (That's what I *used* to say).

Now here's the only change to that scenario: Daytime burglaries are happening again. It's not epidemic, but it's happening.

During the last three months, approximately 20 burglaries have been reported to the Third District police station from the Souland Historic District (that includes some business burglaries as well as homes). Someone you know has probably been hit. It's usually not the professional stuff you see in the county — in our burglaries stereos and TVs go (and tool boxes!) but generally no one messes with silver or artwork. Part of this is the nature of the neighborhood — most of us have put our money into things that can't be hocked easily (e.g., drywall, windows, tuckpointing, roofs and plumbing).

But there are a number of things that we can all do to help stop this violation of our homes. Here are some suggestions from various sources.

1. KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS. Let's watch out for each other. If you know your next door neighbor, or someone down the street, you're likely to know whether they asked some young punks to carry out their T.V. and stereo some Tuesday morning. Pay attention. If you know people on your block who don't work outside their homes, enlist their aid. Ask them to watch and report what's going on. Organize your block for the neighborhood watch program — the city's Operation Safestreet program will train block residents to be "block watchers."

2. CALL 911 TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS. Get involved, in other words. If a car with strangers sits on your street for two hours some day, call the police. They'll talk to the people. If they've got legitimate business here they can explain and there won't be any problem. If you think a delivery truck looks suspicious call the police — they'll check it out.

3. MARK YOUR POSSESSIONS. The Third District has etching machines available. They recommend etching your name and Missouri Driver's License number on all your possessions. (Preferably on the *front*, to destroy any possible resale value, as well as to identify the equipment if it is recovered). You can check out the etching equipment by making an appointment at the Lynch Street Station.

4. LEAVE YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON AT NIGHT. This is "Project Porchlight" of Operation Safestreet, the new city program. (A note: remember to turn it off in the daytime!)

5. COME HOME FOR LUNCH. If you work nearby, come home and check things out if you are able to do so. Our burglars don't come around when people are home — they like the deserted street in the middle of the week and middle of the day.

6. CALL YOUR ALDERMAN. Both Sorkis Webbe, Jr. (7th Ward) and Marty Aboussie (9th Ward) want to help in any way they can. And, more importantly, they want to *know* when these things happen in their wards. Remember that they are *your employees*, and you should report these things to them, in addition to the police.

7. PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION SAFESTREET. You can get brochures on this program at City Hall. The city, as part of "Project Home Security" will "burglar-proof" your home, including installing double dead bolts, pinning first floor windows, installing peep holes, etc. This service is free to senior citizens; for all others the charge is \$150.00. Call 622-3444 for information about Operation Safestreet.

8. INSTALL A BURGLAR ALARM. (If you can afford it!) The SRG is currently working on establishing a buying program for numerous items (to get group discounts from suppliers of things we all need, like paint or plumbing fixtures). Burglar alarms might be included in this program.

Finally, let's all remember that we're in this together, and we can all help each other out. These recent burglaries have made us all somewhat apprehensive, but in fact they aren't any worse than any other neighborhood, (burglaries in the affluent county neighborhoods are *much* worse — and so everyone there has burglar alarms). I still think the most important thing to remember is in point #1 — know your neighbors and help each other. That's exactly what Souland has always been about.

Catherine D. Perry



Yes! I want to join the Soulard Restoration Group.

Here's the information and my check. Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

NAME(S) _____

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Thanks, MARTY

Many thanks to 9th Ward Alderman Marty Aboussie for introducing the recently enacted Demolition Ordinance. Under the new law, no demolition permits (except for emergencies) will be issued until the structure has been reviewed by the Heritage and Urban Design Commission. This much needed law should help save many historically significant buildings that might otherwise be torn down.

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Where is it?



Bill Mundy

Where is it? Send your guess to the Restorationist. If your guess is correct, your name will appear in the next issue.



Bill Mundy

Here's the only response we got last month:

"It is Old Engine House #45, which now houses the Firehouse Pottery — at 912 Allen.

Susan Bostwick
Liz McKenzie
Geof Wheeler
(The Firehouse Potters)

—By the way, we are open to the public 10-4, Wednesday through Saturday."

But it's wrong! In fact the photo was of a building recently torn down by the brewery, on Lynch Street. (Nice try anyway, Potters — do you have the same thing on your building?)

SPOT BLIGHTING REPORT

Several buildings in Soulard have been targeted for "spot blighting." On January 27, 1984, 7th Ward Alderman Sorkis Webbe, Jr. introduced seventeen board bills asking that seventeen individual, vacant buildings be blighted.

SRG members testified at a public hearing on February 15 before the Special Housing Committee of the Board of Aldermen concerning seven of the buildings. The others will be brought up at a later committee hearing.

The purpose of spot blighting is to require an owner to sell the property to someone who will develop it. Some of the vacant buildings involved have been owned by the same people for as long as twelve years without any substantial rehab. Many may be lost if allowed to deteriorate further.

At this time none of the individual board bills have been voted out of committee. We did get some results, though. One building was sold shortly before the hearing, to a person who will begin rehabbing it soon. Another owner showed that he did have firm development plans and construction should begin later this spring.

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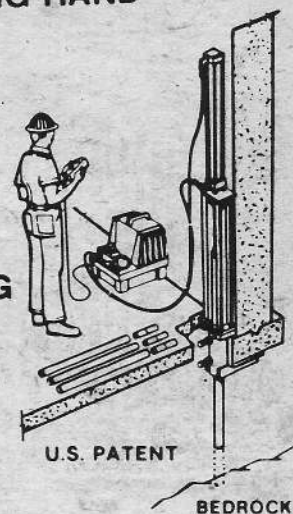
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NEW ARRIVALS

Soulard welcomes St. Patrick's Day baby Katie Jacoby, born to Becky and Jeff Jacoby on March 17. We hear mother and daughter are doing well (proud papa's handling it all right too!)

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Saturdays: 7:30 p.m. Mass

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