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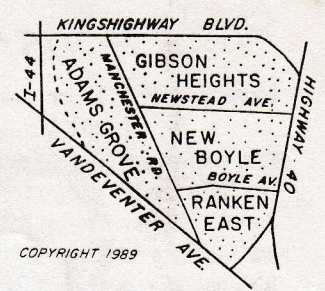
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## SHALOM HOUSE, CRIME MEETING, WILLIAMS & LETTERS

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### SHALOM HOUSE ANYTHING BUT PEACEFUL

by K. CHAUFFE

Shalom is the Hebrew word for peace. Shalom House, Metro Ministries' shelter for homeless women at 1040 S. Taylor, is not peaceful.

Since expanding to a 24-hour facility in October, over 25 police assistance calls have been registered for the shelter. Several were reportedly in response to fights, assaults and missing persons. According to sources, a client of Shalom House was killed recently in a traffic accident. She reportedly wandered into the street after being left unattended at the Grace Hill House. One shelter volunteer, who requests anonymity, stated she was afraid of some clients. She said, "You had to be careful of the crazies. You never knew what they would do."

Peace also alludes the facility's staff. According to Vinita Woods, most FPSE volunteers have been dismissed, several with no explanation (See Letters To The Editor). When asked to comment, Smith told NEWS & VIEWS he has a legal agreement with a member of the staff and could not reply. Our unnamed source stated that the agreement stems from an incidence of violence involving a staff member and client. Allegations also state that rules are selectively violated for friends of staff members.

There are an increasing number of complaints from the neighborhood, although not all can be proven to involve Shalom House clients. Women have been reported accosting residents, asking for money, clothing and to use the telephone. Recently, a woman was standing outside of Metro hurling verbal abuses at passersby. Homeless Services is reported to be investigating occurrences at Shalom House.

### GAYLARD WILLIAMS

64th. DISTRICT CANDIDATE  
by M. JEFFERIES

Attorney Gaylard Williams has announced he is a Democratic candidate for state Representative of the 64th District. Williams has a Bachelors degree in engineering and physics from the Univ. of Missouri at Rolla, Masters degree in Business Administration from the Univ. of Illinois at Edwardsville and a law degree from St. Louis University School of Law. A life long resident of St. Louis City, Williams also serves on the Board of Directors for the St. Louis Industrial Development Authority and writes the Legal Advisor column for FPSE NEWS & VIEWS.

### CRIME MEETING

United Residents Against Crime (URAC) is sponsoring a neighborhood-wide meeting on Feb. 27 at 7:00 in Adams School Gym. Speakers include Circuit Attorney George Peach, Chief of Police Robert Scheetz and Lt. Kirwin Young. The program is designed to focus attention on the actions of the police and FPSE residents to maintain the integrity and safety of the neighborhood. Additionally, the police will introduce the new citizen-involvement GET TOUGH Program. The meeting will be moderated by Suzanne Hart, St. Louis City Crime Commissioner

### NSN UPDATE

Neighborhood Safety Network (NSN), a resident-financed security patrol, has been operating in the 4400-4500 blocks north of Manchester Ave. Off-duty police officers patrol the area in car and on foot in 4-hour shifts, 4 nights a week. Since beginning, officers have arrested several juveniles and dispersed groups loitering on corners.

Two positive results of the program are a greater interest in FPSE by the 3rd District Police Department and the deterrent to crime provided by greater police presence.

Cost of the NSN Program is \$2000/mo. Pledges must be honoured if the successful program is to continue. For information write:

Neighborhood Safety Network  
P.O. Box 39372  
St. Louis, Mo. 63139

### FDR CLUB RAFFLE PROBE

by K. CHAUFFE

According to televised reports, two Housing Authority employees are being investigated by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Inspector General's Office for possible violation of the Hatch Act, which prohibits federal employees from engaging in partisan political activity while at work. Last November the employees allegedly tried to used their position to pressure elderly residents of the Park View Apartments in the Central West End to buy raffle tickets on a colour TV to raise money for the 17th Ward FDR Democratic Club. The implied pressure was that required spraying would not be performed if tickets were not purchased.

Alderman Joe Roddy reported knowing both employees, but claims the FDR Club does not condone such activities. However, columnist Jerry Berger asked in the January 11, 1990 Post-Dispatch, "Are they (HUD employees) still raising funds for the 17th Ward's FDR Club Organization." According to Allen Ray of the Housing Authority, one worker has been fired. The Inspector General's probe is still incomplete.

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**THE EXTERMINATORS** PG-17m

# FPSE HOUSING CORP.

by K. CHAUFFE

December: 1084-92 Taylor, Habitat, ConServ,  
& Metro Ministries

Kate Roth announced the purchase of 1084-92 So. Taylor by the Housing Corp. Cate Dolan, Suzanne Goodman, Newton McCoy, Jerry Scherer and Kate Roth volunteered to serve on the building subcommittee. The Board discussed renting part of the building to "mentally retarded" people because of guaranteed higher rents, but some members expressed concern that it would resemble subsidized housing.

Roth stated that Habitat agreed to architectural changes demanded by the Board, but still wanted to use vinyl siding. McCoy noted that Samuel McRee Redevelopment Corp. (SMRC) standards permit vinyl siding only as a replacement for existing clapboards; however, he said SMRC might consider allowing good quality vinyl siding for these buildings.

Habitat submitted samples of various types of siding for the Board's consideration. Roth observed that the samples of vinyl siding were of the highest quality, whereas the other materials were of much lower quality. She stated, "I like Stoddard (head of Habitat's architectural committee), but this may be a trick". McCoy noted that these samples were meaningless because Habitat asks for donations of material and takes what it gets. McCoy said Stoddard strongly endorsed vinyl siding because "who will supervise the painting in a few years". Several Board members noted the inconsistency with Habitat's claim to select only the best people who will maintain their property. Tom Goshen stated that poor people can not be expected to buy good paint.

Dolan again encouraged the Board to get the best possible houses from Habitat and warned them to prevent the building of a future ghetto. The Board agreed to accept the best vinyl siding, but still reserved right of refusal for materials.

Roth announced low attendance at recent ConServ meetings. She said discussions centered on proposed traffic changes and that divergent opinions indicated the existing plans required additional study. McCoy warned that strong reasons for any proposed traffic changes would be needed, especially when attempting to convince the business community. Roth also noted that residents had registered several complaints against Renard's trucks for blocking Taylor Ave. and using residential streets.

The Board agreed to send a follow-up letter to Harry Smith (Metro Ministries), regarding his failure to inform them of the Shalom House expansion. McCoy and Dolan argued that Smith should agree in writing to inform the Board of major changes in Metro programs, but the Board decided to only

request that Smith inform them prior to instituting major changes.

The Board denied a request from past Housing Corp. Executive Director Nancy Beck to use the Corp.'s computer.

January: So. Taylor, Habitat, By-laws,  
Impeachment & Election

Roth reported that 1084-92 So. Taylor would require extensive replumbing before occupancy permits could be obtained. All tenants are therefore being assisted in relocation, and moving funds made available to tenants current in rent. Renovation may begin in March.

Roth stated that the Board of Adjustments had granted Habitat the requested changes in property lines for the Adams Grove properties. Habitat has agreed to begin notifying block unit presidents and resident volunteers of meetings. The Board voted to allow Habitat to hold their monthly meetings in the Housing Corporation office.

Newton McCoy proposed changing the By-Laws to include non-voting, advisory members. They would be selected by majority vote, serve a two-year renewable term and can be removed at any time by majority vote. This motion will be voted on at the next meeting.

The Board discussed altering the By-Laws to allow the removal of a Board member for "just and sufficient cause". Acting-President Scherer stated, "This has to do with the past year and problems Kate (Roth) has had to deal with...She can't be expected to spend time addressing problems caused by a Board member...When the credibility of the Corp. is continually damaged, we have to be able to deal with it." McCoy noted the need to protect the "unpopular belief or point of view" and referred to how a past president (J. P. Roddy) had used the constitution to remove Directors. Scherer stressed that the Board needed to present a "unified, singular and professional appearance". Cate Dolan expressed nervousness with the proposal because of the "political history of the neighborhood".

Thomas Goshen stated, "I feel this is directed against me because I am vocal. I feel my block is not represented... I don't think you like what I do. You want a well run organization with no descension". Scherer responded that descension was respected on the Board, but that all members needed to maintain the integrity and credibility of the Board. He continued, "We should not have to suffer the continual attack as we did this last year. We would like you (Goshen) to see our grave concern."

McCoy announced that he will curtail his involvement with the Board. Ron Gimms

represent SMRC at future meetings.

Board members re-elected President Jerry Scherer and Secretary Suzanne Goodman and elected Cate Dolan treasurer, Dan Corbin vice-president and Bryan Young the at-large member.

Roth suggested that because of the added responsibility of the Taylor building, someone else serve as the area commander for Operation Brightside. She stated that J. P. Roddy had previously expressed interest in the position and might be willing to serve. Some members questioned if Roddy could handle the job. No decision on Roth's request was reached.

Roth announced that Renard Paper Co. was planning to expand east along Manchester Ave. All existing store fronts will be demolished. Curb cuts on Manchester are planned.

The 6-month budget projection for the Housing Corporation predicts a \$7500 deficit. The Board discussed the need to raise money. Roth announced that Commerce Bank had donated \$1000 as a seed grant to fund a quarterly Housing Corporation Newsletter.

The Board voted to endorse the proposed neighborhood crime meeting being organized by United Residents Against Crime (URAC).

## CRIME PREVENTION

by K. BECHERER

Most crimes occur when few people are around. They happen when we place ourselves in a position to become a victim, as on empty streets, waiting for rides, using a night teller, and parking on large empty parking lots. Our homes are usually burgled between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM when people are at work or school and streets are empty. Our cars are usually stolen in the early morning hours while we are asleep.

We must protect ourselves and our neighborhood from crime by not placing ourselves in a position to be victimized. Avoid lonely, deserted and poorly lighted areas. Homemakers and seniors can help prevent crime by reporting suspicious strangers cutting through yards or displaying unusual behavior. If their activity is legitimate they will be delayed only briefly by the police, but your neighborhood will be safer.

Consider having a collar placed on the steering column or a car alarm installed. These can be purchased and installed through operation SafeStreet. Phone 622-3444 for more information.

## CORBIN & THABIT HONOURED

by K. BECHERER

In December, Operation SafeStreet presented Saint Louisan Awards to outstanding organizations and citizens. FPSE's United Residents Against Crime (URAC) was one of four groups honoured for fighting crime. URAC is addressing the problem of resident criminals by notifying landlords when tenants are arrested. Co-Vice Presidents Dan Corbin (Ranken East) and Askia Thabit (Adams Grove) were cited as examples of neighbors who have made their neighborhood safer.

# BLOCK UNIT NEWS

## GIBSON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORS (Block Unit 5)

November: Shalom House, Crime & Election.

Metro Ministry's Norma Randall explained that Shalom House (SH) had become a 24-hour shelter for 20 homeless women and a day shelter for an additional 15 women. The women may come and go from the facility and are only requested to state their destination. Tres. Larry Ritter related recent problems with SH women in the FPSE. Housing Corp. Acting-Pres. Jerry Scherer stated, "Harry (Smith, director of Metro) has angered many people by not informing us of changes as he said he would". Randall replied, "I came here to address the issue, not apologize for him (Smith)... We do apologize for not telling you."

Jack Spencer, Business Manager of Central Institute for the Deaf, related the institute's growing concern about crime in the area and support for BUS's plan to hire a security patrol. He stated, "We now have 24-hour security at our facility on Taylor, but the pedestrian overpass across Hwy 40 is a constant concern." Several residents expressed fears of using the overpass and suggested possible solutions from closed-circuit cameras to the removal of the overpass. Pres. Allen Levin noted that the walkway is used by criminals escaping from or into FPSE.

Tres. Larry Ritter explained that the crime patrol (aka Neighborhood Safety Network (NSN)) has expanded eastward to Newstead Ave. because of interest expressed by BU6 and the difficulty of raising sufficient funds in BUS. Ritter also said the group will seek support from absentee landlords.

In the discussion that followed, residents expressed the belief that the FPSE needs to publicly demonstrate unity in its fight against crime. Cathy Nolan stated, "It is time for us to take back the street corners." In contrast, Alderman Roddy spoke against a public display, claiming it endangers the neighborhood's image. BUS contribute \$1000 to help fund the first month of the security patrol.

BUS re-elected Jerry Scherer to the FPSE Housing Corp. and elected Mark Weber as Co-President.

January: Holiday Party

BUS's December holiday party was postponed until January. A short meeting followed the party. Trish Curtis spoke about Metro Ministry's preschool program (see PRE-SCHOOL). Carole Rulo announced that May 19 will be Operation Blitz for Forest Park Southeast. All block captains must re-register. Rulo also spoke about Operation Team Work (see TEAM WORK). Larry Ritter reminded members of Neighborhood Safety Network that pledges are due and encouraged other residents to join. BUS endorsed URAC's proposed FPSE police meeting.

by K. CHAUFFE

## Gibson Heights Neighborhood (Block Unit 6)

November: By-laws, Elections & Crime

Motions passed to require candidates to have attended at least 3 meetings in the last 12 months to be eligible for office, and members to have attended 2 meetings in the last 12 months to be eligible to vote for officers.

Larry Ritter and Marge Berg explained the Neighborhood Safety Network and distributed pledge forms. Ritter announced that the security patrols would begin on Nov. 22. BU6 re-elected Pres. Jane Sykes, Sec. Angie Renner and Housing Rep. Cate Dolan and elected George Eaton Vice-President and Carole Ann Stevens Treasurer.

Cate Dolan proposed changing the by-laws to require only 5 members, as opposed to 10, be present at a meeting to conduct business.

January: Conserv Plan, By-Law Changes

Cate Dolan presented the Housing Corporation report (see HOUSING CORP. NEWS). Kate Roth stated that because of low attendance at the Conserv planning meetings, no traffic changes are planned before the closing of the Kingshighway Viaduct. She stated, "We will let the people experience the increased traffic first hand and then make decisions about street changes at that time." Vice-President George Eaton endorsed closing Gibson Ave. at Newstead so as to reduce loud traffic and drug dealing. Eaton said, "The silent majority would favor closing Gibson." Traffic changes will be the topic of February's meeting.

BU6 changed its By-Laws to require 25% of the membership to be present to conduct meetings and voted to endorse the proposed URAC crime meeting.

## RANKEN EAST NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOC.

December: Neighborhood Watch & Party.

Third District Public Relations Officer Terry Shoemaker presented a slide show entitled "Every Eight Seconds". The program stressed the need for the establishment of a Neighborhood Watch Program. Clayton-Tamm Neighborhood leader Vern Gramlich explained how the Neighborhood Watch program operates in his neighborhood.

It was announced that Pepsi had awarded the BU a grant of \$1000. The meeting was followed by a Christmas Party.

January: Election & Funds.

Janice Palmer was elected secretary; election of vice-president was postponed. Pres. Dan Corbin announced that February's meeting was cancelled.

Members discussed the possibility of recovering funds from the original Ranken East Block Unit's treasury. Past-president Patty Cunningham reportedly holds this and additional moneys from the sale of the BU's lawn mower. The group was

informed that several years ago the city had foreclosed on land owned by the BU because no one "had paid the taxes, even though there was money in the treasury". It was decided to send a letter to Cunningham regarding the funds.

## METRO PRESCHOOL

by T. CURTIS

The Metro-Wagoner Preschool has received a grant from the Old Newsboys Fund for the purchase of Montessori equipment and other educational materials. Additionally, another Montessori teacher will be hired this fall.

The Preschool program has several openings for children born before July 1, 1986 and will be accepting registrations for children born before July 1, 1988 for fall 1990 classes. Call 543-1010 for more information.

Metro Wagoner Pre-school is a program of United Metro Ministries, located at 1040 S. Taylor and is open to all children from the metropolitan area.

## THE PET CORNER

by S. BOWIE

Now that winter is upon us, we must take extra care of our pets. The Humane Society offers the following suggestions to protect pets.

1. Keep very young, old or short-haired dogs or cats inside.
2. Bring pets inside when there is a sharp drop in the temperature.
3. Provide outside pets with a dry, draft-free house that is comfortably big, but small enough to hold the body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches above the ground and covered with straw or cedar shavings. The doorway should face away from the wind and be covered.
4. Provide extra food and unfrozen water.
5. Bang on car hoods before starting the engine. Cats are attracted to the warm engines in parked cars.
6. Salt and chemicals used to melt snow and ice can cause burns. Wipe your pet's feet.
7. Always clean antifreeze spills. Antifreeze tastes sweet, but is poisonous to children as well as pets.
8. Add a little vegetable oil to your pets food to keep their coat soft. Dry heat can dry out your pets coat and skin.
9. Do not allow your pet to rest on the heat register. This will dry out their skin.
10. Protect pet birds from drafts.

## QUOTE

"If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought - not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate."

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

## CHURCHES AGAINST CRIME

by REV. R. MCCLELLAND

On Sunday December 10, over 150 concerned citizens of FPSE congregated outside of Gibson Heights Presbyterian Church at Taylor and Arco to show their genuine feeling of community. Residents and members of area churches gathered in the cool afternoon to sing, chant and declare their determination to reclaim the streets. They shared their experiences and vowed to report suspicious persons and activities.

The message was clear: residents will not be intimidated by crime or drug dealing; residents were here first and do not intend to surrender FPSE to hoodlums. As a visible sign of resolve, the group formed a human chain and cordoned off the Arco-Taylor intersection in fellowship.

## A BETTER FPSE IS ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY

by J. ROACHE

Call the CITIZENS SERVICE BUREAU (622-4800) Monday through Friday between 8 and 5 to register complaints or compliments regarding city services or neighborhood concerns. A Citizen's Service Rep will promptly direct your concerns to the appropriate city agency. You can anonymously report problems with traffic signs, refuse collection, street maintenance, building and health inspections, street lights, animals, weeds, debris, pollution, sidewalks, and city parks.

Reports are entered into the Bureau's computer system and a workorder is forwarded to the appropriate department. You will be given the work order number and the date of inspection. With this number you can anonymously inquire into the status of your complaint anytime after the inspection date.

When reporting, you must give the address or location of the problem and be able to accurately describe what you have observed. The more information you provide, the sooner the city will act. Reporting directly to the Citizens Service Bureau is the fastest way to get action.

## MAEL KAKE

From K. REISGEN

2 cups of loosely packed brown sugar

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup self-rising flour

1 cup chopped pecans 1.5 sticks of melted butter (not oleo)

Mix the above thoroughly and then add 1 teaspoon of baking powder. Put in ungreased pan. Preheat oven to 325 and bake slowly at 325. Cake will rise and then fall. Test with toothpick, when comes out clean, baking is finished. Cut into squares and sprinkle with powder sugar.

## LEGAL ADVISOR - SMALL CLAIMS by G. WILLIAMS

The laundry loses your new shirts. What should you do? First, try to settle your disagreement with the cleaners. If these attempts fail, you can go to Small Claims Court, but remember it will take an investment of time, emotional energy and money to file the case, and you still may not be able to collect what the court awards you.

Any individual, association or business organization may file a small claims suit without the aid of an attorney. The person filing the suit is called the plaintiff. Similarly, any individual or group can be named the defendant, the person being sued, in a small claims action. Anyone under the age of 18 must be represented by a parent, guardian, or adult. To sue a corporation, you must determine who is the registered agent and name that person in the suit. This information can be obtained from the Missouri Secretary of State's office (444-7490) at 111 North 7th Street.

A small claims suit for damages may not exceed \$1500.00. You can not sue for the return of items or for pain, suffering, emotional

distress, or punitive damages. In Missouri, we are allowed to file only six small claims suits each calendar year.

You should file your suit as soon as possible so that you do not lose your right to sue or forget the facts of your case. The suit must be filed in the county where the loss occurred or where the defendant lives. In St. Louis City you can file small claims at the Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker, 1st floor Mezzanine (Phone 622-4464), and in the County at 7900 Forsyth (Phone 889-3091). The Clerks Office will assist in preparing the necessary forms.

Information you will need for your case includes all bills, receipts and any other documents pertinent to your case. If your case involves repair work, obtain a statement from a reputable repair person of what was wrong or what should have been done, and what it will cost to repair the damage.

If you have any legal topic or questions you wish me to address, write P O Box 4542, St. Louis, Missouri 63108.

## ROUTE 66

by M. JEFFERIES



The Route 66 Association of Missouri is a non-profit organization founded to preserve, promote and develop Missouri's old U.S. Route 66.

Now replaced by interstate highways, such as I-55 and I-44, the legendary highway once served as the primary throughfare between Los Angeles and Chicago, offering drivers unique scenic and cultural attractions in the eight states through which it passed. Over the years Route 66 has earned the title "Main Street of America." Virtually all the old highway still exists from Saint Louis to the Kansas border.

FPSE is no stranger to this legend. From 1926 to at least 1929, U.S. 66 extended south on Grand to Chouteau and onto Manchester, then right on Boyle to Clayton Avenue.

With the cooperation of the National Route 66 Association, James R. Powell, has established a Missouri Route 66 Association. "All the sections of old Route 66 in Missouri, together with the towns they pass through, have their own story to tell," Powell adds. "Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and, more recently, Illinois are doing very well in revitalizing their segments of old Route 66. We're convinced that this is the time to develop our own historic touring program here in Missouri."

The first regular meeting of the Missouri Association was held on January 13th to approve by-laws, elect officers and directors, appoint standing committees. For more information contact Jim at P.O. Box 8117, St. Louis, Mo. 63156.

## REQUEST IGNORED

### 8mo. Stonewalling Neighborhood

Eight months ago NEWS & VIEWS' June editorial asked Alderman Joe Roddy to inform FPSE what he plans to accomplish while in office, and to address important issues about our neighborhood's future. The editorial noted Roddy's failure to honour his 1988 campaign pledge to publish a periodic newsletter to keep us informed. We have heard that Roddy has attempted a few things as alderman and would like to help him spread the news. Meanwhile, N&V continues to offer space for Roddy's reply to the important questions asked in June of 1989.



## ERRATA

The statement, "I have a problem with people (Smith) who don't live here, but decide what is morally tidy for us...Smith needs to be accountable" was said by Cate Dolan, not Cate Roth, as stated in the last issue's Shalom House article.

Operation Teamwork is starting to organize softball teams for the 1990 summer season. According to Executive Director Flint Fowler, "We are beginning to hear from young people who want to make sure that they will be able to play on a team." To ensure that Operation Teamwork can handle the demands that will be placed on community groups by area youths, they are looking for adults who are interested in working with children and who are interested in the game. Fowler stated, "Without the support of adults to help monitor and supervise the teams, it will mean fewer teams and fewer opportunities for youths."

Interested youths should complete the form enclosed in this issue of NEWS & VIEWS and return to 1074 S. Taylor before February 28. Interested adults should call 361-0015.

## NEWSNOTES

### THANK YOU

To the residents of FPSE who sent holiday greetings to the staff of NEWS & VIEWS.

### NOT QUITE HOLLYWOOD

Several neighborhood residents recently participated in the filming of a training video for the Police Department's GET TOUGH program. Filming occurred at the FPSE Housing Corporation's office on So. Taylor in conjunction with a preliminary GET TOUGH meeting with the police.

What does it mean to grow up in the same neighborhood as your father and grandfather? Let me share my memories with you. I can remember, as a child and teenager, a thriving shopping center on Manchester Ave. between Kingshighway and Sarah. At one time Woolworth Dime Store, Ben Franklin, three dress shops, Carp's Dept. Store, Steinmeyers and Brusasco Shoe Store were there.

I can remember the Manchester Movie Theater with a large outdoor screen on summer evenings. A billboard in front announced coming attractions. They showed top-rated films soon after their engagement on Grand Ave. An attractive candy shop was one door west of the theater. The showcases held fancy boxes of chocolate, trays of fudge, peanut brittle, mints, watermelon slices and gumdrops. The marble counters were spotlessly clean. It was a wonderful place for a child to spend a nickel or dime before the show.

Farther down the street was a hardware store and the Creamery. The Creamery was as much fun as the candy store. There were large tubs of

salted and unsalted butter and oleo, all kinds of dry beans, bulk spaghetti and macaroni, dried fruits, spices, vanilla and other flavorings. There were bins of loose crackers and cookies. It was called the Creamery because high on a shelf stood a statue of a cow.

Across the street was the Manchester Bakery, one of the many fine bakeries in St. Louis. My father had a small ice and coal business in this neighborhood. This was before refrigerators. After delivering ice to the bakery on Saturday morning, he would buy a stollen for lunch.

There were also several barber shops, drug stores, groceries such as Schnuck's, Kroger, Piggly-Wiggly, Rhinehart's, Sanders and others. They all had delivery trucks. As a young wife and mother I could go to the grocery on Saturday morning, then on to shop and be home before the groceries were delivered.

Now all of that is gone. Most of Manchester is boarded up and deserted, and we have to go to shopping malls.

### YOU CAN GET MORE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FPSE

Our neighborhood will soon celebrate the second birthday of its new name, FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD. It was previously called the Ranken Neighborhood.

## EDITORIAL: CIVIL RIGHTS DENIED IN FPSE

by MARK JEFFERIES

The Civil Rights Movement guaranteed that everyone would finally have representation regardless of political persuasion, national origin, race, age, creed, or sex. Yet, in FPSE the spirit of Civil Rights is under attack. People are being denied their right to attend meetings.

For over a year, Secretary-Treasurer Thomas D. Goshen of the New Boyle Neighborhood Improv. Assoc. (NBNIA) has prevented a property owner from attending NBNIA meetings, held in Goshen's house, because Goshen dislikes him and disagrees with him politically. Now Goshen is denying access to a New Boyle resident because he is a friend of the person Goshen has banned.

Block unit meetings are supposed to be open to the concerned public. They should provide a forum where neighbors meet, exchange information, organize for neighborhood improvement, and nurture a sense of community. The success of a neighborhood meeting requires an environment free from fear of retaliation or exclusion.

Allowing any individual (for example, Goshen) to select who may attend meetings, strikes at the heart of the democratic process and the Civil Rights of free people. It places that individual in a position to exclude all whose views differ

from his, as Goshen has done. It allows him to bias the outcome of elections and to control the direction and actions of the organization.

History is littered with examples of groups and individuals who have restricted participation in the political process. By barring people because of race, creed, or political persuasion, the pre-Civil Rights South disenfranchised Blacks, Hitler and Nazi Germany excluded the Jews and the Soviet Block banned all non-communists. The fact that Goshen's actions are currently directed against only two individuals does not make his behavior less detestable, more democratic or less discriminatory.

There is no guarantee that Goshen will not blacklist more residents of the New Boyle area. Free and open discussion at NBNIA meetings can not exist if members must fear that disagreeing with Goshen can result in their being banned.

Goshen has made some positive contributions to FPSE. He should be applauded for his alley clean-ups and attempting to copy the Adams School Programs pioneered by Jackie Jackels. However, as long as he denies residents and property owners access to neighborhood meetings, he is doing more harm than good to the NBNIA and FPSE. Everyone

"must be allowed to participate, not just those who think as Goshen does.

The FPSE Housing Corp. has been aware of the situation for many months, but despite repeated appeals by the property owner, the Board has never addressed the issue of representation and discrimination. Private negotiations with Goshen have yielded nothing. The Board continues to accept Goshen as the "democratically" elected representative to the Board and NBNIA as representing all New Boyle residents and interests. By their inaction, the Housing Corp. joins Goshen in violating the spirit of the Civil Rights Movement and the democratic process.



"It's my house and I'll keep out who I want."

# FPSE CALENDAR

Information herein is prepared in advance. Dates and times should be verified. Send events you wish to have included on the N&V CALENDAR, to N&V at 4420 Arco Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

## FEBRUARY

- 13 7pm Light Rail Meeting; location not known.
- 15 7pm BUS Meeting, Church of the Living God.
- 20 7pm BU6 Meeting, Gibson Heights Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall).
- 22 7pm Proposed Landlords Meeting.
- 24 1pm Senior Social, Gibson Hgts. Presbyterian.
- 26 7pm BU7 Meeting, probably 4302 Chouteau.
- 27 7pm URAC Neighborhood Crime Meeting, Adams School Gym

## March

- 1 7pm Adams Grove Imprvt. Assoc. Meeting, Light House Free Methodist Church (basement).
- 5 7pm FPSE Housing Corp. Meeting (open to public), 1074 S. Taylor.
- 7 6:15pm Ranken East Neigh. Imprvt. Assoc. Meeting, Villa Lighting.
- 15 7pm BUS Meeting, Church of the Living God.
- 20 7pm BU6 Meeting, Gibson Heights Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall).
- 26 7pm BU7 Meeting, probably 4302 Chouteau.
- 31 1pm Senior Social, Gibson Hgts. Presbyterian.

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## LETTERS TO FPSE

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### HOUSING CORP. APARTMENTS

Where is the money coming from to rehab the apartments at 1042-1092 Taylor? Is it a grant from the city or the Federal Government? Who owns the property now? Who will rent the apartments and for how much? The \$227,000 seems like a large sum of money to me. Will there be a tax abatement? Is it a contradiction to build Habitat houses near luxury apartments? I have lived here for 52 years and attend neighborhood meetings. I would like plain answers.

Sylvester Berg  
Wichita Ave., Gibson Heights

Some Answers: The apartment buildings at 1042-1092 on Taylor was purchased with ConServ funds, a city grant, from Milton Rothschild. The apart-

ments will be upgraded and rented to seniors or singles. Rents have not been determined. The Habitat houses will be located in Adams Grove, some distance from the apartments.

### REGRETFUL RESIGNATION

With my sincere regret I must resign from the staff of NEWS & VIEWS due to my extended stay in California. I've enjoyed being one of the founders of the paper and am thankful for the experience. N&V is good for the neighborhood because it informs people about what is happening, positive, negative and controversial.

Please continue to support the paper by reading and contributing articles, ads, comments, recipes, etc., so that it will be there for you.

I'll miss being involved in neighborhood activities and politics, but will keep informed of "what's happening" through the Newspaper.

Jackie Jackels  
Now of California

### FDR CLUB = FULLY DOMINATED BY RODDY CLUB

If FPSE is going to improve, massive changes need to be made now. Reasonable people can disagree over how and what changes to make, but it is indisputable that residents must have a say in the future of their neighborhood.

Unfortunately, such participation can not happen while the current local politicians are in power. Alderman Joe Roddy and the 17th Ward FDR Club are not interested in what residents have to say. Their primary concern is to continue controlling everything in the ward.

Look at the way the FDR Club operates their meetings. Citizens who have disagreements with Roddy are asked not to attend the FDR Meetings. Only political candidates who are supported by Roddy are allowed to speak. Club endorsements are determined by the Roddys and rubber stamped by a vote of the club. Members are not allowed to vote with secret ballots that list all the Democratic candidates.

Roddy is not interested in democracy as practiced in America. He likes to operate as did the dictators of the Eastern Europe. Residents there could vote, but, as with the FDR Club, only one candidate was listed. No other choices are allowed. FDR leaders defend their system by claiming it makes them more powerful in City Hall. But even the Mayor's own ward requires all candidates be allowed to speak and that members vote with secret ballots that list all the Democratic candidates.

Roddy politics are also seen in neighborhood efforts. The Roddys try, and often succeed, in taking control of every aspect of every activity, from block unit meetings to Housing Corp. policy.

There is one simple way to solve the problem. Vote the Roddy machine out of power. If Eastern Europeans, without even the right to vote, can

overthrow communist dictators, then 17th Ward residents can surely vote out the undemocratic tyrants!

Steve Sorkin  
Past resident of FPSE

Editorial Remark: I have heard many people say that Alderman Roddy is not the politician his father was. Bringing some semblance of democracy to the FDR Club would be a good way to prove it.

### METRO'S DISPOSABLE VOLUNTEERS?

Recently in the GIBSON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORS newsletter Assistant Director Norma Randall of Shalom House (SH) requested volunteers for the shelter. Help is needed because Randall fired two long-time FPSE residents.

Vert Clay was a volunteer at Metro for several years before Shalom House began. Vinita Woods was one of the first FPSE volunteers and worked there for a while before becoming a shift director. We were dependable, readily available to work, caring, responsible and showed interest in the Shalom House residents.

In October, finances forced SH to lay off shift directors, but in November I received a letter requesting my return. I phoned Randall to confirm my schedule, and was told I had not been called back. Somewhat confused, I wrote Randall and ex-Executive Director Harry Smith requesting an explanation. None ever arrived.

Clay was reinstated in November, but on December 22 Randall told her she was dismissed because her name appeared on a petition about the Director of Human Services. Clay asked Smith for an explanation, but he said he had to first speak to Randall. Clay is still waiting. Two other long-term volunteers were also recently relieved of their duties.

Yes, Metro and SH do need volunteers! But before anyone offers, certain questions must be answered. Why were we four volunteers dropped? Why are our requests for explanations ignored? What is the relationship between SH and the ex-Director of Human Services?

I thought Metro would give preference to FPSE residents when selecting shift directors.

Vinita Woods  
Arco Ave., Gibson Heights

### RESPONSIBLE CHARITY

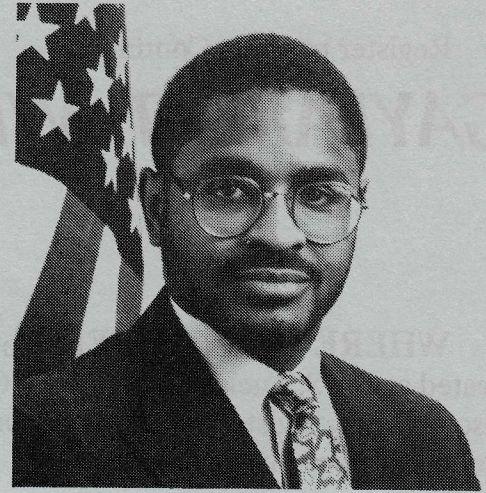
Just prior to Christmas someone provided free Christmas trees for the poor. A large pile of tied up trees were left behind the Arco Food Shop across the alley from Metro Ministry on Taylor Ave. It is now late January and Christmas has been over for a month. I don't think anyone is still looking for a Christmas tree. The trees are now an eyesore and will become a fire hazard in dry weather.

I think it was a nice act of charity to provide the trees for the poor, but it is irresponsible to leave the trees there now.

Monica Wright  
Arco Ave., New Boyle

*From the desk of . . .*

## **GAYLARD T. WILLIAMS**



Dear Fellow 64th District Resident:

**FREEDOM!** Recently we have seen monumental events unfold in Eastern Europe. People are taking to the streets demanding more freedom and greater participation in their governments. The seeds of democracy are in full bloom.

**DEMOCRACY!** Sometimes we Americans take for granted the freedoms so many others in this world yearn for. The freedom to think and worship as we please. But those freedoms, although contained and guaranteed by our constitution and secured by the blood of our ancestors, can only be maintained by our active participation in the political system. In a democracy or republic the way to participate is by exercising your right to vote.

**LIBERTY!** In this country we have just finished celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King, along with others in the civil rights movement, marched to secure for every American the right to vote. They knew that freedom won on the battlefield could only be secured and protected by the ballot. It is the cornerstone of our democracy and the shield of our liberty.

**REGISTER TO VOTE!** Remember that during the history of this country many people gave of themselves, and even died so that this basic right could be enjoyed by all Americans. However, as we enter the 1990s we find so many who are willing to give up their rights by not registering to vote, or an election day not going to the polls to exercise that right. **DO NOT BE FOOLED**, every vote counts. A "no show" at the polls is a vote for the continuation of bad and ineffective government.

**GET INVOLVED!** To become a registered voter you must be a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the state, city and ward where you plan to vote. You will need to be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the election you wish to participate in by voting. Some form of identification like a Missouri Driver's License, Missouri Identification Card, Social Security Card, and/or utility bill is required to register. The whole registration process takes about four to six minutes to complete.

**REGISTER TO VOTE!**

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Register to Vote, Continued

# GAYLARD T. WILLIAMS

**WHERE TO REGISTER:** You can register to vote at the Board of Election Commissioners located at 208 S. Tucker (across from City Hall) Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Also, you may register to vote at any public library or high school in the City of St. Louis. The libraries and high schools in our area are:

## PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES

Kingshighway: 4641 Shenandoah Ave.  
Lashly: 4537 West Pine

## PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

O'Fallon Technical: 5101 McRee  
Southwest: 3125 S. Kingshighway

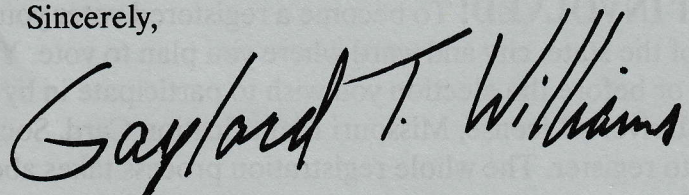
**FOR A RIDE:** For those who need a ride to one of the above locations to register to vote, please call 533-4838 Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**LOOK FOR YOUR CARD!** Approximately two to three weeks after you have registered you will receive a registration card in the mail in your wallet or purse. Please note, if you have moved since the last time you registered to vote you will need to change your registration to your new address.

**GET OUT THE VOTE!** On May 5, 1990 there will be a Get Out The Vote Vote Registration Party and Rally. The time and place of this event will be announced later. There will be plenty of refreshments on hand, along with music and prizes. All that you have to do to attend FREE is be a resident of the 64th District and have either your Voter's Registration Card or have the proper I.D. needed to register.

**TAKE A CHANCE!** It is time we take control of our own destiny. We must stand up and let our collective voices be heard. Remember, voter registration plus voter education and participation results in effective representation.

Sincerely,



Gaylard T. Williams  
64th District Resident

**BECOME INVOLVED-VOTE!!**

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