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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

How did the Compton Hill Water Tower get named as one of the best attractions on St. Louis Magazine's list of "101 things every St. Louisan must do" in its May 2008 issue? It is simple: a beautiful landmark that towers (pun intended) above the City and enjoyed by thousands of people, particularly Society members like you. We want to thank you for supporting and spreading the word about this great historic landmark and providing us with your generous contributions to preserve, maintain and open it monthly for others to appreciate. Your support of the Water Tower & Park Preservation Society has generated new opportunities and improvements to Reservoir Park. Two of our most exciting highlights include:

~ The Water Tower Dog Park, in the northeast corner of the Park, opened in March, and its membership continues to grow.

~ Renovation of the large pond at the foot of the Naked Truth statue has begun!

In appreciation of the enthusiastic support from all of our Society members, you are invited to our annual membership meeting on Sunday, October 19th, from 4pm to 5pm (more details below). Please attend or just stop by so we can say thank you!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Water Tower & Park Preservation Society will hold its annual membership meeting on:
Sunday, October 19, 2008
4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Directly east of the Water Tower
In Reservoir Park
At Grand & Highway 44



The featured presentation will go over the accomplishments of 2008 and where we are going in 2009. Members will hear about plans for the rebuilt pond and fountain.

**Guest speaker: Curtis Skouby, Commissioner,
City of St. Louis Water Division**



The Water Tower will be open for members from 3 P.M. – 4 P.M.
and from the close of the meeting until 6:00 P.M.

RSVP on the attached form or email response to: info@watertowerfoundation.org
Or call or fax 314.552.9000
◁ By October 15th

RSVP

I will _____ will not _____ attend the WTPPS annual membership meeting,
October 19, 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Return to PO Box 2156 St. Louis, MO 63158 or call or email

WELCOME OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER CURTIS SKOUBY,

Curtis became our newest Water Tower & Park Preservation Society board member (ex officio) this spring when he was appointed City of St. Louis Water Commissioner. A 23 year veteran of the Water Division, Curtis also serves as Acting Director of Public Utilities. He is a great advocate of the Water Tower, which was proudly displayed in one of KSDK's Today in St. Louis segments in April.

This Webster Groves native got his undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri – Rolla and his master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri – Columbia. "Providing St. Louis citizens with top quality water at an economical rate and improving the water infrastructure" are his top goals as he heads this public agency serving over 350,000 people. Of course, getting his 6 year old twins, Brian & Sarah to travel to the top is a personal priority for him.



THE WORLD'S FAIR & THE WATER TOWER

WTTPS member Tom Dunn showed up at last year's annual membership meeting with an unusual find, a 1904 World's Fair spoon featuring the Compton Hill Water Tower on the handle.

Tom, a collector of steamboat memorabilia, found the silver spoon while searching eBay. A picture of the Water Tower from his company's files, Streckfus Steamers, is his other artifact of the tower.

Tom's fondness for the architecture, engineering and beauty of the Water Tower heightened when he moved into the Shaw neighborhood 10 years ago. Thank you, Tom, for your continued support and for sharing with us this great find.

Do you have an item of history featuring the Water Tower, Naked Truth or the park? If so, let us know!

MISSION

The central purpose and role of the Water Tower & Park Preservation Society is defined as:

**TO RESTORE, PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE COMPTON HILL WATER TOWER
AND ITS IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS AND TO FACILITATE COLLABORATIVE
RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEIGHBORHOODS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.**

