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The LBD Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at its offices at 3150 Locust Street, Suite 200 at 3:00 pm.

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APPLICATION - CITY OF ST. LOUIS 50%-50% SIDEWALK PROGRAM

I, _____, of (address) _____

On behalf of (name of business) _____

Make application for the City of St. Louis 50-50 Sidewalk Program in which 50% of the new sidewalk will be paid by the City of St. Louis and 50% by the applicant.

The contractor will be selected by the City from the City approved list of cement contractors.

All decisions on funding and timelines will be based on a City survey of the sidewalk conditions, overall condition of the subject property, City money available and contractor scheduling demands.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone#: _____

Please send a copy of this application to Steven Kark at the Locust Business District Office.

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Special points of interest:

- Three New LBD Commissioners appointed by Board of Aldermen. See page 2.
- Application for City of St. Louis 50%-50% Sidewalk program. See back page of the Newsletter.
- For any individual or business in the District that would like to be added to the LBD web site, please contact Steve Kark at the number listed above.
- The District provides a Facade Lighting Program and a 50-50 Sidewalk program. Rules and Restrictions apply. See the LBD website. For additional information call the LBD office at 652-2220.
- The LBD Board makes "No Loitering Signs" available free to businesses and residents of LBD.
- If you are receiving more than one copy of this Newsletter, please call Steven Kark at 652-2220.

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Rob Grimm Studio

After completing his fifth year in business, Rob Grimm moved his photographic studio, Robert Grimm Photography, Inc., from Washington Street to a new and permanent home at 3005 Locust Street. Rob did a complete renovation of the structure. The once run-down and neglected property has been brought back to life through the efforts of this full time photographer and first time developer.

Specializing in beverage, food and product photography, Rob is completely at home in this space. Rob photographs mainly for print and point of sale campaigns for ad agencies and design firms nation wide with his work appearing internationally. "I have worked very hard to create a studio where clients feel extremely comfortable and the workflow for our projects appears effortless". Clients include brands such as Bacardi, Dewar's, Grey Goose, Jack Daniel's, Martini & Rossi, Southern Comfort and many products from Anheuser-Busch.

The building was originally constructed in 1912 for the Marmon Automobile Company to serve as a showroom for their hand crafted cars. Manufactured in Indiana, the Marmon was one of the finest automobiles of it's time and is noted in racing

history as the first winner of the Indianapolis 500 with a car called the "Wasp." Like many buildings along this section of Locust, the building changed hands several times and served as a dealership for many automakers as well as auto parts companies.

After purchasing the property in October of 2003, Rob and his assistant, Tim Humphreys, began a ten month period of demolition and reconstruction of the property. Following clues from original elements uncovered during demolition, the facade was returned to its original design and condition. The original maple floors on the first level, buried under layers of carpet, tile, tar paper and paint, were brought back to life. Oil spots on the wood from years as an automobile showroom give added character.

The first floor has been divided into several sections. The

new lobby allows guest access to the main studio as well as to two rental spaces. The second story is the heart of the studio with fourteen foot ceilings and an abundance of natural light. Clients have a comfortable place complete with plush couches, computer workstations and a fireplace. The full kitchen handles the needs of large food "shoots".

Lance C Thomas Design has become a tenant in one of the first floor spaces. Lance is a graphic designer whose client base includes several international brands. Lance also designs interior spaces for many of his clients. While forming his own company Lance also remains a staff member of Moosylvania Marketing located on Olive Street. Lance is joined in the space by a writer and public relations specialist. An additional 1500 square foot rental space is still available in the building.



Rob Grimm Studio at 3005 Locust Street