



Holly Hills Happenings

HOLLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HHIA)

Grand to Morganford and Bates to Loughborough

Founded in 1927. St. Louis' oldest neighborhood association. Visit us online at: <http://hollyhills.info>

NEXT MEETING

June 2, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

(The regularly scheduled May meeting falls on Memorial Day.) Because we had a dinner at our November 80th birthday party, we won't be having the annual dinner meeting this year. Instead, we are planning different social event. Stay tuned for more details!

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Celebrate Carondelet Park Day 2nd Annual Clean-up & Festival April 19

The Holly Hills Improvement Association and Friends of Carondelet Park are sponsoring the second annual Celebrate Carondelet Park Day! on Saturday, April 19. It promises to be an action-packed and fun-filled day starting with a park clean-up from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. followed by a festival and recycling fair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



2007 Clean-up volunteers proudly display their finds. Photo by Jim Ross

There will be something for everyone, including face-painting, games and crafts for kids, live music, food for sale and fun for adults.

"We had a great time last year," said event committee chair Stacy Ross. "Bands, beer, and doing something for the environment, what more could you ask for?"

"The park clean-up is actually a lot of fun," Ross said. "Last year we had several Scout groups who made it a point to get into the deepest crevasses of the park to find everything from cigarette butts to old tires. It was almost a competition to see who could find the most interesting stuff."

Additional activities include a chalk coloring contest for kids, raffles and earth-friendly crafts. Flowering short leaf pine, decidu-

ous holly, redbud, and red oak seedlings will be available from the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a book for the free book exchange. Bring a book to give away and go home with something different.

Live music will include the classic rock of Common Ground from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Butch Moore and friends performing acoustic blues and folk music from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will include a recycling fair that will include booths displaying recycling information and resources. Organizations slated to attend include:



Fun for all ages! Photo by Bob Gill

A.L.I.V.E. (Alternatives to living in violent environments), a non-profit organization that assists victims of domestic violence, **will be collecting cell phones** and accessories to benefit their clients at the event.

Leftovers Etc. (<http://www.leftoversetc.com/>), a non-profit organization that collects a huge variety of household items for use by teachers and group leaders for craft and science projects, will demonstrate the concept with a craft project

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A message from the president...

It's almost hard to believe it is the middle of April-- amazing how time just slips on by! So far, 2008 has been a year of renewal; in recovering from our bizarro snow storms and monsoon rains to our national political landscape.

This sense of renewal is alive and well in our own backyard of Holly Hills. I hope each of you were able to participate in the Spring Blitz Operation Brightside recently renewing your garages and basements. We are set to re-new Carondelet Park with the 2nd Annual Carondelet Park Day on April 19th. Come join us in the morning for a park clean up and then in the afternoon enjoy socializing with your neighbors and then stay and learn some new things about keeping our planet clean!



Our June 2 general membership meeting is tentatively planned for outside at the beautifully repainted Boat-house in the Park! I hope to see a lot of you out there.

We have some exciting events coming up later in the summer and fall and we will announce those soon! Let's continue this year of renewal inside and out!

- Paul Sager

Membership to Vote on Board Candidates

HHIA members will vote on three candidates for board positions at the general membership meeting on June 2.

The three candidates are:

- **Vice President—Kate Hastings**
Kate has lived at Leona and Alma for 10 years and has already helped with several projects.
- **Member -at-large-Brooks Goedeker.**
Works for Washington University in Forest Park Southeast neighborhood. Lives at 6100 Leona. Candidate for member -at-large seat.
- **Member -at-large-Patrick Hanlon** new to neighborhood and is interested in becoming more involved. Each candidate will have an opportunity to speak prior to the vote.

The Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA) was formed on September 10, 1927. Since its inception, HHIA has worked to promote the well being of Holly Hills and its residents.

For more information or to become a member of HHIA contact us at (314) 569-5708 or hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org

Numbers to Know!

First District Police	444-0100
Police (non-emergency)	231-1212
Anonymous Drug, Gang, Homicide Police Line	241-COPS
Neighborhood Stabilization Officers (NSO)	772-3484 622-4628
Citizens' Service Bureau	622-4800
Humane Society	647-8800
Alderman Matt Villa 11th Ward	351-9896
Alderman Fred Heitert 12th Ward	622-3287
Alderman Fred Wessels 13th Ward	589-6836
State Representative Tom Villa 108th District	352-2084
State Senator Harry Kennedy 1st District	481-5857
State Senator Maida Coleman 5th District	535-5999

Paul Sager	HHIA BOARD MEMBERS	President
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Tara Ohler-Jenney		Financial Secretary
Mary Lopinot		Member at large
Stacy Ross		Member at large
Barbara Russell		Member at large

12th and 13th Ward Aldermanic Updates

12th Ward Fred Heitert

- There will be an open house on Sunday, April 13th at Boulevard Heights, the new housing development in the area bounded by Blow, Field, Robert and Coronado Streets. The old Board of Education Greenhouse property is being developed by Rowles Homes and Vatterott Homes. and will include 44 single family homes, 33 townhouses and 48 condominium units. This is a \$30-35 million housing development plan for the 12th Ward. This type of housing development hasn't happened in our area in over 50 years. There was no tax abatement or any other tax incentive programs given to this development.
- The old Goodwill Store located on Morganford and Carondelet has been sold. The new owners are Plumbing Supply. They will utilize about 1/3 of the building and will lease out the rest of the building. They are in negotiation with "Dollar Tree" and it appears that they will be the tenant.
- The Great Rivers Greenway has begun the second phase of the



pedestrian/bike trail that will extend from Morganford, down Germania to Highway 55. The trail will be located between Germania and the River Des Peres Channel. The first phase of this pedestrian/bike trail was extended from Gravois, down River Des Peres, across the channel, into Christy Park extension to down to Holly Hills.

- The Haven Tavern, located On Morganford at Haven, has changed ownership. The new owners are in the process of renovation and plan to open in the next couple of weeks.

13th Ward Fred Wessels

- Tree planting is ongoing throughout the 13th Ward. If you wish to have a tree planted in front of your home please call me at 589-6836 and leave a message.
- Carondelet Park improvements for 2008 include repair of the playground surface, planting additional trees and repair of the pathway.
- Construction has begun at the recplex to be located on the east end of the park. The facility will include both indoor and outdoor

pools, indoor running track, gymnasium, exercise room, meeting rooms and much more. The outdoor pool area is scheduled to open by Memorial Day, 2009 with the indoor facility open in the summer of 2009. Plans are to have the YMCA operate the facility with a fee structure similar to the YMCA fees.

- The City Building Division makes exterior inspections every 3 years in our area and 2009 is the year. The inspections will be made this spring and early summer.

Most popular stolen cars in the 1st district

1. Dodge Caravan
2. Dodge Intrepid
3. Jeep Cherokee
4. Honda Accord
5. Dodge Stratus

Courtesy of Public Affairs Officer Thomas Bottini.



Missouri Botanical Garden expands Plastic Pot Recycling Program

The plastic pot recycling program at Missouri Botanical Garden has expanded for the 2008 season. From May 1 through October 31, you can recycle your plastic plant pots at the Monsanto Center of the Missouri Botanical Garden, 4500 Shaw Blvd. at Vandeventer, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (not open during special event weekends: Aug. 30, 31



The Green Girls

Stacy Ross and Tara Ohler-Jenney

and Sept. 1; Oct. 4 and 5) and at six other satellite collection points all around the St. Louis Metro area.

The centers will accept the following types of plant packaging: cell packs, trays, pots of all sizes and hanging basket containers. This year gardeners must place the plant packaging into separate trailers for each material--#6 plastic (polystyrene cell packs and trays), #2 and #5 (all

other pots)--to facilitate recycling for grinding and making into new products. Gardeners must remove all soil, rocks, metal hangers, rings or any other material that would interfere with grinding the recycled plastic. The centers will not accept garden edging, plastic sheeting materials or food plastic.

For more information see <http://www.mobot.org/hort/activ/plasticpots.shtml> or hollyhills.info or call (314) 577-9440.

Elite Riders Train in Our Own Backyard

Have you seen all of the bike racers on Tuesday nights in Carondelet Park and wondered what's happening? Well, Holly Hills Happenings decided to ask an expert. Mike Weiss is owner of Big Shark Bicycle Company in the University City Loop and Missouri representative for USA Cycling, a national cycling organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic program. He told HHH that the Tuesday night races are a training series for competitive cyclists. The series begins on the first Tuesday after Daylight Saving Time begins and runs through the second Tuesday in September.

You may ask why they close off the roads of the park for these races. Mike said the goal is to create a safe venue to develop athletes to their full potential. The St. Louis area has no other formal, sanctioned event of this type, so cyclists, from beginning amateurs to national-level professionals, come from far and wide to participate. This series is sanctioned by USA Cycling, and as the state representative for the organization, Mike helps manage the program, the calendar and the weekly events.

This racing series began in the late 1980s near Lambert International

Airport, and continued there until the early '90s. Over the next several years the races took place at Gateway International Raceway. Then about eight years ago, with the support of the city of St. Louis Board of Aldermen, the series was moved to



Every Tuesday during the summer, high caliber bike racing comes to Carondelet Park. Racers can reach speeds of up to 30 miles per hour.
Photo by Jim Ross

Carondelet Park to keep it within the St. Louis City and County area.

Big Shark Bicycle Company, an ongoing series sponsor, is joined in this year by U.S. Army Recruitment, the newest series sponsor. Each week the races draw between 100 and 130 riders, and by the end of the season between 400 and 500 individual cyclists will have raced with many of them competing numerous times throughout the season.

For those people who are interested in cycling, and have never raced but would like to try, this is a series that allows them to do just that. Each

week there are three events on race night. The A Race begins at 6:00 p.m. for Category 1-3 elite and elite amateur racers. The B Race, for experienced amateurs, takes place from 7-7:40 p.m. The C Races, for first-time riders, are added to the series on the second Tuesday in May when there is enough daylight to race later into the evening. The C Race takes place from about 7:35-8:15 p.m.

“We sometimes have riders from the U.S. National team,” said Bill Blankenship, a racer for the Blind Squirrel team who works at Big Shark. “And they don’t win all the time. That tells you

something.”

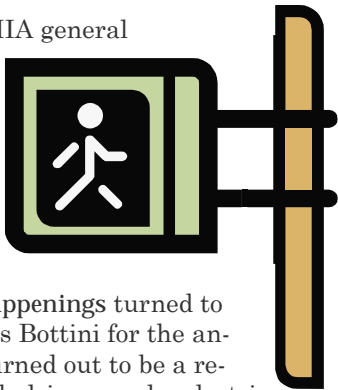
Weiss suggests that cyclists learn the rules of racing prior to entering their first race. You can find information online at <http://usacycling.org/> and www.startbikeracing.com. Additionally, Big Shark Bicycle Company offers classes on how to get into bike racing and also sells books on the topic.

So next Tuesday evening, take a stroll to the Park to cheer on the racers and witness a high caliber athletic event right in your own

Walk This Way

At the last HHIA general membership meeting, a question came up regarding pedestrians' rights in a crosswalk.

Holly Hills Happenings turned to Officer Thomas Bottini for the answer, which turned out to be a refresher for both drivers and pedestrians. Here's what he said:



At a common intersection regulated by a stop sign, a pedestrian may enter the street with the intention of walking directly across the lanes to reach the other side when it is deemed safe. While in the street the pedestrian has the right of way. This would not cover someone crossing at other than an intersection.

While crossing at an electrical signal, again the pedestrian must abide by the traffic signal and never cross against a red light into oncoming traffic and again, while in the street the pedestrian has the right of way. The pedestrian must abide by any electrical walk signals, and the pedestrian must walk only in the designated walk area of crossing an intersection. Whether at a stop sign or electrical signal it is never allowed to cross the street on an angle; your path must be from corner to corner to corner.

Holly Hills Real Estate courtesy of Paul Sager

Active as of:

March 17, 2008

4146 Concordia \$64,900	5606 Arendes \$193,000
4157 Concordia \$74,900	3632 Wilmington \$199,000
4154 Concordia \$88,900	3950 Bowen \$199,900
4082 Concordia \$89,900	3806 Bowen \$199,900
4167 Burgen \$89,900	6127 Grand \$200,000
4151 Fillmore \$98,500	6809 Alexander \$200,000
5624 Leona \$99,900	6111 Grand \$205,900
3646 Wilmington \$116,900	5927 Coronado \$209,900
3923 Burgen \$121,900	4064 Alma \$219,900
4180 Burgen \$124,500	3849 Fillmore \$227,900
5617 Dewey \$127,500	4133 Toenges \$228,900
4145 Fillmore \$129,500	6001 Dewey \$229,900
3926 Burgen \$148,900	5959 Coronado \$239,000
4131 Loughborough \$149,900	6216 Arendes \$254,500
6011 Grand \$154,900	6118 Arendes \$259,000
6146 Morganford \$159,900	3942 Burgen \$262,900
5705 Dewey \$159,900	6137 Grand \$284,900
3820 Dover \$165,000	3971 Federer \$329,550
6142 Morganford \$168,000	3941 Holly Hills \$399,000
5644 Morganford \$169,900	
3642 Bellerive \$174,900	SOLD as of March 17
3970 Dover \$176,300	4145 Fillmore \$70,107
6735 Morganford \$179,000	3626 Fillmore \$76,000
3646 Dover \$182,500	5636 Arendes \$89,900
5632 Arendes \$184,500	4144 Haven \$90,000
3634 Wilmington \$189,900	5809 Dewey \$94,000
	3673 Fillmore \$135,000
	4156 Federer \$150,500

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for kids.

City of St. Louis staffers from the recycling division (<http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/>) will be on hand to discuss the curbside recycling program and other recycling initiatives.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (<http://>

www.dnr.mo.gov/concern.htm) will explain how to report environmental abuse

In addition, Big Shark Bicycle Company (www.bigshark.com) will be on hand to show off their commuter bikes, the coolest way to get around town, and explain just what those bike racers are doing in the park every summer Tuesday evening.

In 2007, more than 50 volunteers helped to clean-up the park and or-

ganizers are hoping for even more this year. Volunteers are eligible for a prize drawing.

Businesses that would like to be an event sponsor, or individuals who would like to volunteer for the morning park clean-up or the festivals can contact Stacy Ross at 481-7677 or by stacy@hollyhills.info.

For more information and updates, go to <http://stlouis.missouri.org/hollyhills/park2008/>

HHIA General Membership Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2008

HHIA Board Attendance: Financial Secretary Tara Ohler, Recording Secretary Anne Borgmeyer, members-at-large Barb Russell, Stacy Ross

40 members in attendance.

1st District Police Report: Officer Ed Reese (for Officer Bottini) Crime Report 2007-2008: All crimes are down. Twelve Problem Properties currently in neighborhood.

Jason Vander Weele of Smoke Free St. Louis reminds group of hazards of Second Hand Smoke. More than 58% of states are covered by smoke-free policies. All levels of smoke exposure are dangerous. Advocate training sessions are scheduled. SmokefreeSTL.org is looking for volunteers in many capacities. Royale bar/restaurant on Kingshighway going smoke-free on April 1.

HHIA newsletter publication will be moved to immediately following general membership meeting. Reminder post cards were well received, will be mailed prior to meetings.

Aldermanic Reports

Fred Wessels, Ward 13

- Carondelet Park. Tree planting for re-forestation is starting. Replace surface of playground (8-10 years old). Pathway in park will be sealed. Rec Plex construction has started. Bid came in at \$21.5 million (2 million over budget). 1/8 cent sales tax will fund building and maintenance but not operation.
- Gym, track in/out door pools (open Memorial Day 2009). Cost for membership not yet decided but there will be different levels. YMCA will operate the city recreation facility.
- • Water rates will go up with our bill in April. (Approx \$34 per year.) This will be first raise since 2002. Raise next year will cover capital improvements.
- • Info about The Club auto theft deterrent device - \$11. Room 418 City Hall. Alderman Fred Wessels can arrange delivery.
- Problem property Arendes and Dover. Officer Rees and Building Inspector condemned property. House sold and rehabbed.
- Homeowners will get notice of re-assessment in April 2009, based on current appraisal of property. There will be 3-4 week window to appeal.
- Concerns expressed about rights of pedestrians in

crossways. Education for neighbors suggested.

- Lane will be added to Loughborough bridge over 55.

Matt Villa, Ward 11, Fred Heitert, Ward 12 – not in attendance.

NSO Report: Brian Kolde Ward 11 had fliers for The Club and Ignition Switch disabler.

- Lead paint abatement: Take care when rehabbing. Lead Safe Coalition will loan special vacuum to eliminate lead dust.
- Kathy Savage continues as Ward 12. TJ Minden new NSO for Ward 13 introduced to group.

New Nominees for HHIA Board: Each made brief statements. Will be voted on by membership at May meeting (June 2)

- Kate Hastings, candidate for vacant vice president seat. 10 yrs on Holly Hills and Leona. Kate made reminder cards.
- Brooks Goedeker. Works for Washington University in Forest Park Southeast neighborhood. Lives at 6100 Leona. Candidate for member -at-large seat.
- Patrick Hanlon new to neighborhood, candidate for member-at-large seat.

Thank you to the generous
sponsors of Celebrate
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Fuller Brush Company - 832-3515 Anna Marie Baldwin Specializing in home products	Tom Roth-Bank Star-314.750-1651 All types of loans and refinancing
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become a member of HHIA!

- Household Membership.....\$10
 Business Membership.....\$25
(Business membership includes newsletter listing)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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