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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone has recovered from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, the snow, the bitter cold and the resulting inconvenience. It's time to look forward to spring and we've got lots to be happy about here in Holly Hills.

HHIA is honored to welcome Chief Sam Dotson from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to our January meeting. I'm hoping for a big turn out to let the chief know we are an active engaged neighborhood. The chief will tell us about the police department redistricting, which looks like it will bring great benefits to the First District. Among the benefits, a more than 20 percent increase in the number of officers for the First District and a return to consistent beats for those officers.

Carondelet Park is getting some needed maintenance and new projects are being discussed. A possible bird habitat is moving forward. The days are getting longer and it won't be long before the bike racers return to the park. Stay tuned for more information about a special bike event in late March or April.

If you're among those who look forward to browsing seed catalogs right about now, be sure to contact Hannah Erlich about securing a bed in the community garden. You can reach Hannah at garden@hollyhills.info.

And I am personally excited about our new Holly Hills merchandise including T-shirts, newly redesigned flags and an exclusive Holly Hills Euro sticker. We've got a lot to look forward to here in Holly Hills and spring can't get here fast enough!

~ Stacy Ross

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3908 Burgen \$109,000

4150 Bates \$117,900

4115 Bowen \$123,500

3821 Burgen \$125,000

3833 Dover \$129,000

4115 Loughborough \$130,000

5658 Arendes \$134,900 (UC)

6133 Newport \$142,500

3975 Wilmington (MF)

\$149,900

3990 Bowen \$159,900

3654 Dover (MF) \$169,900

6125 Marwinette \$175,000

4049 Toenges \$185,000

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HHIA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2013

Special Meeting Location: Marine Question – area south of the Lyle Corps League, 5900 Leona

Roll Call: Anna Baldwin, Kendal Dauphin, Stacy Ross, Ted Disabato, Lisa Bertke, Jan Hill

13th Ward Alderman Fred Wessels

Carondelet Park committee. Bond issue – 2.3 million to spend at Carondelet Park. Tom and Fred didn't think this was a good idea because we were getting \$300,000 per year for the park. That money has gone to numerous improvements over the past 20 Controversial contract with Veolia ongoing rather than get \$2.3 million issues. that has to be paid off over time. Good news is there will be lots of improvements over the next 4-6 years. Tennis courts repaired. Two restrooms will be ADA certified. Many other projects in the bond issue. Will also be getting \$150,000 from tax that was recently passed.

check Leaf pickup AldermanWessels.com for pickup schedule for the entire ward. This coming Wed cover Bates, Arendes, Leona, and Holly Hills.

Question thank vou demolishing building on Coronado. Had extensive fire damage and was abandoned by the owner. Paid \$7,000 to get it knocked down.

House where the Parks Dept vehicles are. That will be leaving, moving to Gasconade. Sometime this winter or spring. The building Mike Dauphin, Tara Ohler-Jenney, will remain. Fencing will come down.

> Question – can you put the leaves advisory in the street? Yes. Just put the leaves to the curb. If they are blown to the grassy area or the median, they may kill the grass and have to be removed again.

11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa

years. Sidewalks replaced. Lyle has been put aside. Board of House has been painted. Boathouse Estimate have to be the ones to has been painted. Planted 1,000 look at the contracts. Aldermen do trees over the last 5 years. Much not have the staff to review more. They prefer to get \$300,000 contracts. Veolia had a litary of

> AutoZone store at Lougborough Commons – the signage is going to be adjusted. The signs are to be smaller. They want to have the same amount of signage Firestone currently has.

Proposed ordinance that would make it illegal for males without children to go to a playground. There is quite a bit of opposition. Current proposal states playgrounds would have to opt-in to participate in the law. This works in New York - not sure that we need for this here.

> There is a lot going on in terms of bond issue money for Carondelet Park. Alderman Wessels and Villa

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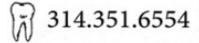
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CARONDELET PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2013

- The dead tree in the park opposite 3832 Loughborough has been removed. This was one of the complaints made by the visitors at the July meeting.
- The proposed bird habitat at the bear pit area will be going out for a design RFP soon.
- The traffic issue at Grand/Holly Hills Drive intersection, both vehicle and pedestrian, continues to be problematic for some. One idea to reduce congestion is to create three lanes on Holly Hills Drive with two going west and one east.

The westbound lanes would have • a right turn only lane. A second idea is to make Holly Hills Drive one-way eastbound. The traffic would empty to Holly Hills Avenue. Visibility is an issue so this alternative was considered an unlikely solution to the problem. Yet another idea was striping Grand Avenue at the Holly Hills Drive intersection to put a left turn only lane (southbound). The group concluded that it would be a good idea to contact the Street Department to get some professional . advice.

- Work is underway to repave and reseal the blacktop pathway.
- Dan Schulze suggested the Board consider a funding of the construction of a new shelter in the area NE of the rec plex which could be used for a day camp during the summer. The picnic tables already there are in use on weekends. Dan Skillman estimated the cost to be about \$90K. The Board agreed to move forward with this project.
- The next meeting is Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Rec Plex.







CHIEF SAM DOTSON TO SPEAK AT JAN. 27 MEETING



Don't miss St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson at our meeting on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Rec Plex. Chief Dotson will discuss redistricting and how it will affect Holly Hills, as well as update us on how local control has affected the department.

"Chief Dotson is an engaging speaker," said HHIA President Stacy Ross. "This will be an opportunity for Holly Hills residents to hear first-hand from and ask questions of the head of our police force."

In addition, Capt. Dan Howard, Officer Steve Wilson and Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Chris Howard will be on hand to discuss other safety and traffic issues. Let's show Chief Dotson that Holly Hills is an active, involved neighborhood!

After a delightful social event at the Marine Corps League in November, the HHIA meeting will be back at its usual location at the Carondelet Park Rec Plex.

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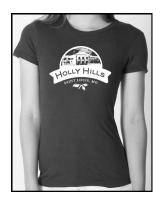
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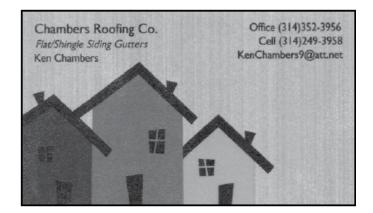


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in the bond language where they want a project to be approved by the bond council. Ordinance will be forthcoming in the next 60 days. Big picture - there is a lot of maintenance involved in the park. The money will be easy to spend.

Meeting at the Parks Committee to investigate the two parks employees recently accused of creating a fraudulent company. They are going to take a long hard look at how widespread this is. There needs to be some type of oversight.

Question about Carondelet Park. Someone has taken it upon himself to clean up the shrubs. There are piles of sticks that linger close to Livingston on the south side. There is now a TV there as well, concern is that it may become a dump pile Cleaning out all of the vines and makes large piles of brush. Recommendation is to call Friends of Carondelet Park for clean-up of the piles.

Question about Friends of Carondelet Park – The group is primarily comprised of Tim Bolt and Stacy Ross. Do park

clean-ups and plantings with volunteers. Not a large group. Would love to have additional volunteers.

Question about fundraising for Carondelet Park -Friends of Carondelet would love to have volunteers to work on this. Always looking for people to volunteer.

Question about downtown. The TIF and the General American Building. What is the likelihood that Laclede Gas Building will move to the GA building. Alderwoman Phyllis Young will know the most. It presents a real dilemma. If we don't play the tax abatement game we may continue to lose business tenants downtown. Concern is also that we residents are paying tax bills and is the tax abatement really necessary? We cannibalize each other to get people to stay downtown. The downtown economy is as fragile as it has ever been. If you don't give them what they want, they move to Clayton or elsewhere. It's not a pretty situation or a simple situation.

State Representative Jake Hummel

Not in session currently. Spent weekend in Jeff City. He is minority leader of the House of Representatives. Staff is will be breaking up how the money should be spent. Quirk gearing up for the session. Pre-file bills on December 1^{st} . Legislative surveys to come out soon. Wants to ensure that he votes the way his constituents want.

13th Ward NSO Chris Howard

Neighborhood Stabilization Officer. There are 28 officers. He is assigned to the 13th ward. 25th year as officer. It's been a pleasure working in this area for 6 months. He loves the area.

Average about 10 requests for city services in the 13th Ward - everything from replacing a Dumpster to maintenance on a property that needs inspection to graffiti on a stop sign. He puts in services requests on our behalf. They are generally taken care of in a timely manner. Can reach him at 657-1366. Always available. He spends a lot of time near 37th St. Just think of him as an advocate for the neighborhood. Feel free to call anytime. They offer vehicle clubs for \$13.

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Announcements:

Stacy Ross heard of another neighborhood that puts out a Buzz Book – is anyone interested? It would be strictly voluntary. Some in the audience seemed somewhat receptive, but most were not.

Many in the audience are on NextDoor (FaceBook for

neighborhoods). Next Door is great for recommendations. Police Dept. will be plugged into Nextdoor eventually to be to notify neighborhoods of emergency situations. Privacy policy is based on proof that you live in the neighborhood. It is a

Contact Hannah Ehrlich at garden@hollyhills.info for information about reserving a bed in the community garden this spring

relatively new site so they are looking for suggestions for the site. You can set up public groups. Some people are not on the internet, is that a concern?

Tim Bolt is here if you want to assist with planting and weeding. Good turnout for bulb planting. Hannah Butz Ehlich is manager of community garden. Two beds that were dedicated to the Carondelet Food Pantry. Beds are available for the spring. Contact Garden@HollyHills.info.

January Meeting – Sam Dotson will be speaking. Police Officer Wilson will speak about speeding on Leona and Holly Hills. Back at the RecPlex.

Marine Corps League can be rented out for wedding, receptions, and bar mitzvahs. Many thanks to the Marines for providing the venue and the refreshments.

New T-shirts for sale. Meeting Adjourned

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