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HOLLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HHIA)

Grand to Morganford • Bates to Loughborough

From the Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO)

How can I report a nuisance?

Nuisance activity should be immediately reported as a 911 call to the Police Department, or 241-COPS (241-2677) if the activity is drug-related. Give the dispatcher the specific address where the nuisance is taking place...If the police officer does not respond to the 911 call, the call is still considered evidence should there be a nuisance case in the future. Individuals issued a summons by the Police Department for committing nuisance behavior can be fined from \$100 to \$500 dollars and sentenced up to 90 days in jail.

If you want to file a complaint or you need to request a service filed with the city, call the Citizen's Service Bureau at 622-4800 between 8am and 5pm Monday-Friday, or you call email the complaint or comment to www.stlcin.missouri.org/csb.

If you have any questions contact Brian Kolde, NSO for the Holly Hills neighborhood at 772-3484/622-4628 or KoldeB@stlouiscity.com.

2005 Neighborhood Meetings

July 25	7:30 p.m.
September 26	7:30 p.m.
November 28	7:30 p.m.

Southern Commercial Bank
5515 South Grand Avenue
Everyone Welcome!

Newsletter Name Contest

As you can see, the old "Holly Hills Neighborhood News" is getting a new look. And with that comes a new name. Rather than coming up with something on our own, we thought we'd have some fun and have a naming contest so you, our clever neighbors, could do the work for us...JUST KIDDING!

The name judged best by the Holly Hills Improvement Association board will take its esteemed place at the top of all future newsletters. As for the neighbor who submits the winning name, well, they'll not only get the respect and envy of their neighbors, but a \$50 gift certificate to their choice of any of our fine neighborhood restaurants.

Here are the rules:

You can either call **(314) 569-5708**, e-mail hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org, or use regular mail (the address is below) to enter. Include your suggested name for the newsletter, your name, your address and your phone number.

You can enter as often as you like, but the deadline is 9/26/05. We'll notify you if you've won and publish the winning entry in the next issue. Good luck!

Aldermanic Update

River Bluff Condominiums

By 11th Ward Alderman,
Matt Villa

Mike Curran, who recently redeveloped the former Maddox School building on Virginia Ave. into loft spaces, is planning to tear down the shuttered Good Samaritan nursing home at 5200 S. Broadway, and replace it with 50-60 upscale condominiums ranging in price from \$350,000 to \$600,000.

The Loughborough Commons shopping center is on track with Lowes and Schnucks scheduled to open in the summer of 2006.

MSD Sewer Construction

By 13th Ward Alderman,
Fred Wessels

Phase II of the \$4.5 million, two-year, MSD Sewer Construction Project is scheduled to begin in August or September at Alaska and Bates. The vacant house at 3838 Bates Street will not be purchased by the MSD. A permit has been issued to rehab the property.

The 12-unit, fire-damaged apartment building at 3815 Wilmington is being rehabbed it into one- and two-bedroom units. The rehab will have the original building configuration.

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Membership Information

Join your neighborhood organization and make your voice count more! HHIA is working hard to raise the quality of life in our neighborhood and you can be part of that effort.

HHIA monthly meetings are often the first place to hear about new political, security and social efforts in your neighborhood. We need your voice to make Holly Hills even stronger and an even better place to live, work, play and raise your children. Join your neighbors in the HHIA and be apart of making our world a better place for all of us.

We love to make new friends!

You can join the Holly Hills Improvement Association by calling **(314) 569-5708**, or by e-mailing us at **hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org**.

One-year, household membership \$ 10
Business membership \$ 25

HHIA Board Members

Incoming HHIA Board Members to be voted on at the July 25th General Meeting

Dan Haag	<i>President</i>
Paul Sager	<i>Vice President</i>
Victoria Hatfield Checkik	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
Mary Jo Gordon	<i>Past President</i>
Beth Murphy	<i>Treasurer</i>
Anne Borgmeyer	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Monica Groth Farrar	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
Mary Lopinot	<i>Member at large</i>
Dee McAliney	<i>Member at large</i>
Lisa/Tom Roth	<i>Member at large</i>
Joe Rusch	<i>Member at large</i>
Mark Smith	<i>Member at large</i>

Show Your Neighborhood Spirit

Holly Hills is one of the City of St Louis's most prized gems. Show your pride by flying a Holly Hills flag. These high-quality, weather-proof flags are available by sending a check for \$25 to HHIA; P.O. Box 22144; Saint Louis, MO 63116. We will deliver the flag to your door.



From Our Association President...

Dear Neighbors,
With the election of new board members in July, I bid a fond farewell to my term as President of the Holly Hills Improvement Association. I leave the office with lots of gratitude for all the help received during my term, a bit of regret over passing the torch, a heap of optimism that our new leaders will carry it well and safely, and very high hopes that you and all of our membership will continue to help the neighborhood thrive. Together, we can achieve great things! Here are a few that come to mind as priorities:

First and foremost, public relations within the community. We need to let people know we are here (welcome program),

and how they can get information, for example via email, newsletter, website, and voice mail. We redesigned the bi-monthly newsletter, and I'm happy to say that we have recruited some incredible new volunteers who are committed to getting it to your door in a timely fashion. We also hope to reinstate the Neighborhood Watch Program (which relies on involvement of 80% of your block to be effective). Last, we need new energy and ideas to keep the association alive and current for now and the generations to come.

This neighborhood is on the verge of some very exciting developments—from the Loughborough Commons to the Master Plan

for Carondelet Park. Other ideas seeking project leaders include: introducing Theater in the Park, revitalizing beautification efforts and constructing entrances to the neighborhood. This is the time to be involved, because your input matters.

City living is for those wanting an urban experience within a community. With community you have neighbors, and with neighbors you have friends. So help yourself, and help your neighborhood. Consider getting involved to create the space and community you want to experience.

Peace,
Victoria Hatfield Checkik
HHIA President
2003-2005

Holly Hills Resident Profile — TIM BOLT

Chances are you've seen Tim Bolt watering, weeding and mulching the green spaces throughout Holly Hills. Every weekend, and a few weekday evenings, Tim dedicates 12-14 hours tending to the 56 flower beds and 105 flower pots. "Some people think I'm hired by the city" he says with a smile, but Tim is a 14-year Holly Hills resident and a volunteer. Tim started volunteering his gardening skills in 1996 when all the green spaces were just that, green spaces, no gardens. Now that Tim oversees these gardens, with help from a few volunteers, flowers are flourishing. I asked Tim why he does it and without hesitation he replied, "it makes me smile knowing others enjoy the beauty of these gardens." Thanks Tim for putting a smile on our face too!



Recycling in the City

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT RECYCLING?

Recycling can save your tax dollars! Every pound of material that is recycled is a pound that the City won't have to pay to dispose of in a landfill.

Recycling benefits the local economy! Almost 16,000 people are employed in 1,500 local recycling businesses in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

Recycling saves energy! One recycled aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television for three hours. Recycling one glass container saves enough energy to light a 100 watt bulb for four hours.

Recycling reduces pollution! Making products from recycled materials results in a reduction of air and water pollutants than would be generated by producing these materials from virgin materials. Recycling 4,800 16oz. soda bottles saves a cubic yard of landfill space.

Recycling conserves natural resources! If every American family recycled their newspapers, 500,000 trees could be saved weekly.

How Can I Recycle? CURBSIDE RECYCLING!

The Curbside Recycling Cost Sharing Pilot Program (available to City of St. Louis residents living in zip codes 63108, 63110, 63112, 63113, 63116, 63139, and 63147) runs Dec. 1 through Nov. 30. This program relies on grant funding, which is used to assist households in those zip codes with the cost of curbside recycling. The Refuse Division is currently accepting enrollment for the 2004-2005 service cycle. Enrollment is accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

If you would like to participate, please send a check or money order made payable to Earth Circle Recycling (P.O. Box 3505, St. Louis, Missouri 63143). An amount of \$15.00 is due by July 15, 2005 in order for service to begin August 1, 2005. The Recycling Program cannot accept payment for service past November 30, 2005, because of the funding status for the program.

<http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/documents/0405curbsideenrollment.pdf>.

Neighborhood Construction News

Loughborough Commons Update

The shopping center won't be opening until probably mid-summer 2006. As of late, DESCO has been focusing on the acquisition/demolition/construction phases. The existing Schnucks WILL stay open until the "new" one is open (around July 2006). We anticipate that Lowe's will open in late summer/early fall 2006.

Help Support Friends of Carondelet Park

You can purchase a FoCP T-Shirt for only \$10. Proceeds will help fund park improvement projects. Adult and youth sizes available

For more information about FoCP or to purchase a T-Shirt please contact Monica at 832-7240 or Megan at 832-0775 you may also e-mail your inquiry to focp@sbcglobal.net.

St. Stephen's New Multi-purpose Facility

St. Stephen Protomartyr Catholic Church on Wilmington will break ground on their new multi-purpose facility later this summer or early this fall. St. Stephen's had previously purchased the two family flat located at 3909 Wilmington and that building will be demolished to make way for the new structure. Demolition of the flat will begin sometime after the fourth of July. The new facility will be located on the east side of St. Stephen's school, and it will be attached to the existing building. Construction should be completed by the spring of 2006.

The Buildings for our Future campaign was started more than three years ago by St. Stephens and pledges of more than one million dollars were made by its members.

EVENTS CALENDAR

July 25

Holly Hills Improvement Association
General Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Southern Commercial Bank
5515 South Grand Avenue

July 30

YMCA Literacy Programs
Scrabble Party; 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Register your team (up to eight
people per team) by July 15.
Contact Caroline (314) 776-7102

August 2

National Night Out
Contact the NSO, Brian Kolde,
if you are interesting in organizing your
block or go to www.nationalnightout.org
for more information.

August 14

Iron Barley Tomato Fest
See page 6 for more information.

October 22

Holly Hills 5K Jack-O-Lantern Jog
and Pumpkin Parade

November 11

The St. Stephen's Triple Crown Parish
Auction held at Orlando Gardens.
Contact Joe Mahfood (314) 832-1107
or Michelle Rusch (314) 351-3474

For more information about
these events or to add an event,
visit the HHIA website:
www.stlouis.missouri.org/hollyhills

CITY SERVICES / IMPORTANT NUMBERS

First District Police.....	444-0100
Police (non-emergency).....	231-1212
Anonymous Drug, Gang, Homicide Police Line.....	241-COPS
Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO).....	772-3484 622-4628
Citizen's 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

Volunteer Photographer Needed

Do you have a good eye for photography? The newsletter staff is searching for a digital photographer to go on assignment in the neighborhood for each issue. If interested, call (314) 569-5708. We look forward to working with you!

Holly Hills Real Estate Listings

SOLD

Jan. 1 - Jun. 22, 2005

- 4095 Wilmington \$85,900
- 4085 Concordia \$106,500
- 6404 Myrlette Court \$107,000
- 6606 Morganford \$86,000
- 6032 Arendes \$130,000
- 4095 Bowen \$131,000
- 4361 Holly Hills Blvd \$152,900
- 4071 Toenges \$153,000
- 4067 Toenges \$155,000
- 6105 Ray \$157,000
- 7018 Hurst Court \$157,900
- 3624 Bellerive Blvd. \$164,000
- 6111 Ray \$164,900
- 4101 Haven \$165,500
- 3819 Dover \$180,000
- 5916 Marwinette \$180,000
- 4120 Toenges \$182,000
- 6136 Arendes \$215,000
- 3984 Dover \$223,000
- 6203 Marwinette \$235,000
- 3856 Federer \$245,000

- 3850 Federer \$275,117
- 4060 Toenges \$283,000
- 4095 Toenges \$285,500

CURRENT LISTINGS

- 5636 Arendes \$124,900
- 6133 Adkins \$129,900
- 4086 Fillmore \$142,500
- 5720 Arendes \$149,900
- 4105 Haven \$161,900
- 3837 Bowen \$162,400
- 3833 Wilmington \$162,500
- 4125 Alma \$165,000
- 5600 Arendes \$182,900
- 3931 Dover \$184,900
- 3971 Dover \$189,000
- 4094 Alma \$199,000
- 6204 Arendes \$199,900
- 3985 Dover \$229,900
- 4128 Holly Hills Blvd. \$239,900
- 4070 Holly Hills Blvd. \$249,900
- 4070 Federer \$249,900
- 4066 Holly Hills Blvd. \$369,900



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 Saint Louis, MO 63116

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The Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA) was formed on September 10, 1927. Since its inception, we have held various activities and events to promote the well-being of Holly Hills.

To become a member of HHIA or for more information, contact us at (314) 569-5708, or e-mail us: hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org.

Spotlight on EDUCATION

FEATURED SPOTLIGHT:

St. Stephen Protomartyr Catholic School

St. Stephen Protomartyr Catholic School has long been a center for academic excellence and community involvement in our South Side neighborhood. St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish, founded in 1926, opened its grade school in 1927. Since that time it has graduated over 23,000 students, including recent Tony Award winner, Norbert Leo Butz. Last year's enrollment was 185 students, with an average class size of less than 25 children, affording opportunities for individualized instruction and personalized attention. Academic excellence is a hallmark of St. Stephen's — *every member of last year's graduating class was admitted into their first choice of high schools.* St. Stephen's



St. Stephen Protomartyr Catholic School

3949 Wilmington Ave.
(314) 752-4700

Early Childhood Program
(314) 752-4433

teachers average 18 years of service at St. Stephen's. They are committed to quality education and to close interaction with parents in fostering well rounded students. In addition to promoting academic excellence, St. Stephen's strives to instill in each student a strong sense of personal responsibility. Teachers stress personal growth and responsibility for students, as well as involvement with the parents.

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"I have been extremely happy with every one of my children's teachers. Now how many schools can you say that about?" Michelle Rusch, mother of three.

Students at St. Stephen's have a variety of options available to them to enhance their education, including Bellarmine speech league, Spanish, Science Club, a full computer lab, a well-stocked library, a music department and physical education program. Both remedial and accelerated classes in math and reading are available, as well as after-school tutoring. Extracurricular activities include Student Council, Band, Newspaper, Yearbook, Community Service Projects and Scouting Programs.

St. Stephen's also provides a hot lunch program,

"I grew up in this neighborhood. I have been a parishioner at St. Stephen's for almost my entire life. I wanted my children to have the same great experiences I had when I was growing up. I love the fact that my kids play with everyone in the neighborhood — they go to school with their neighbors...I cannot imagine living anywhere else."

Laura Schulte, Director, St. Stephen Early Childhood Development Program, Parishioner and Alumna

full day kindergarten and after school care. St. Stephen's also offers a full sports program, with parents as coaches. After raising more than \$1 million, the new multi-purpose building is becoming a reality. Scheduled for completion in 2006, the multi-purpose building will include a full-size indoor gym, as well as seating, storage and ample room for other community events. It will also be home for the annual 8th grade play, Razzle Dazzle music program, student and parent talent show, as well as holiday music shows by the grade school and preschool.

"I love choir club, the Borgmeyers are so nice and we have so much fun. Singing for the older people makes me feel like I'm doing some kind of good service." Joe Tillman, student, grade 4.

Also, just a block away, St. Stephen's offers the only allergy and asthma friendly environment for children, ages 2 through 5, including a full preschool curriculum. The Early Childhood Development Program was designed specifically for children with health issues, including but not limited to, dietary needs, asthma and other health restrictions that preclude a child to attend another school. With this in mind, many accommodations are made for children entering the grade school from the preschool program to continue their education in a safe environment.

protomartyrschool@earthlink.net
www.saintstephenstl.org/school.shtml

A Slice of Holly Hills History

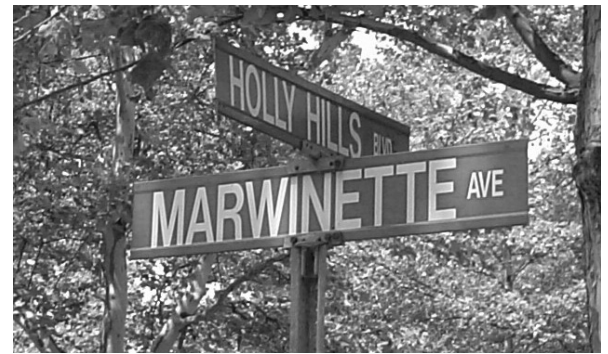
Hollywood inspired William Federer to name the boulevard on the north side of Carondelet Park Holly Hills. Federer wanted the grand streets of the Holly Hills subdivision to have a unique character, with new houses that reflected English Estate homes, German castles, and country cottages.

From "A History of Carondelet" by NiNi Harris

The boulevard on the north side of Carondelet Park was beginning to take on air of glamour. It was to be the showpiece of the Holly Hills subdivision, billed as "The California of St. Louis."

Developer William A. Federer, with his partners Gus Arendes and Don Livingston, Sr., had purchased a large chunk of land from Missouri Pacific Railroad in the early 1920s. Their plans eventually evolved into developing the area from Carondelet Park north to Bates Street and from Grand west to Leona as a mixed residential area. Well-built, neat bungalows and flats would predominate on some blocks. Elegant residences would line a gracious parkway, and showpieces would face Carondelet Park. Pitzmans Company, founded by Julius Pitzman, the creator of most of St. Louis' private places, surveyed and designed the Holly Hills subdivision.

Before the grand plans could be carried out; however, Pouptney's Pond (earlier called *the Poupney's Pond*) had to be dealt with. The large pond, which had long been a favorite picnic spot, was located near the northwest corner of



Carondelet Park, around Holly Hills and Leona. Pouptney's Pond required pumping and repumping before it could be filled.

Laborers using mules pulling slips re-shaped the gently rolling landscape, cutting away the hills and filling in the small ponds that dotted the area. The workmen built up the bank along the western side of the railroad tracks to allow more area for residential development.

Streets were cut through the smoothed out acreage. Arendes, Livingston, and elegant Federer Place were named for the developers. The first names of the developer's wives — Marie Federer, Winfred Livingston and Jeanette Arendes — were combined to name another street, *Marwinette*. Since the developers had dreamed up plans for the subdivision at the old Coronado Hotel, they named another street *Coronado*.

First Annual Tomato Fest



IRON BARLEY
(An Eating Establishment)
5510 Virginia Ave.

IRON BARLEY is having its First Annual Tomato Fest and it's a CONTEST!

Bring your favorite tomato dish and recipe and enter it (FREE ENTRY) in one of the following three categories:

- **Best Covered Tomato Dish**
- **Most Unique Tomato Dish**
- **Best Display of Tomatoes**

Prizes will be given in all categories. Don't cook? ...just show up and enjoy the FUN!

Bring the Kids for a Full Afternoon of Fun, Food and Music!

Try our BLT with potato salad and slaw

then wash it down with a bloody mary, tomato or watermelon martini, New Belgium and O'Fallon beers or a lemonade and soda (cash bar).

For more information call Jan or Jackie (314) 351-4500.

Sunday, August 14th 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Live Music Line-up

1:00-2:30	Kevin Butterfield and Guest	2:30- 4:30	Bob Case
		4:30- 6:00	Jeff Seitz