



# Holly Hills Happenings

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## NEXT MEETING

September 27

7:00 p.m.\*

\*Note NewTime

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## HHIA to Sponsor Three Movies in Park

The Holly Hills Improvement Association will sponsor three movies in Carondelet Park, starting Saturday, July 24 with "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" at the Carondelet Park Band Stand

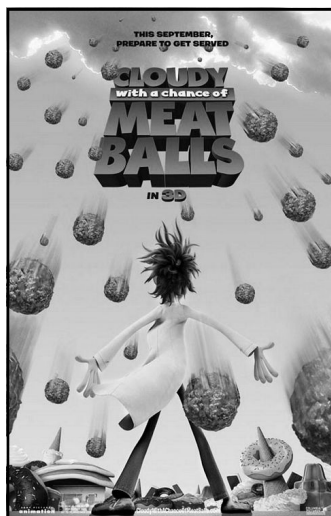
Then, on Saturday, Aug. 28, HHIA will present "The Princess and the Frog" and on Saturday, Oct. 2, the movie will be "Monsters v. Aliens"

The movies will start at dusk, with festivities beginning about 8 p.m. for the July and August movies and earlier for the October show (stay tuned for more details).

"We selected family-friendly movies that will be entertaining for all ages," said new HHIA President Tara Ohler-Jenney.

HHIA will sell ads to help defray the cost of the movies.

Pricing for ads is as follows: one movie-\$50,



HHIA will present "Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs" on July 24 in Carondelet Park at the Bandstand at 9 p.m.

two movies-\$100, or all three movies for the discounted rate of \$125.

Ads will begin showing on the "BIG SCREEN" 30 minutes before the movie begins. Ads will appear on the screen a minimum of 10 times as a slide show with the other advertisers in a Power-Point presentation and will also be posted to the website:

[www.hollyhills.info](http://www.hollyhills.info) in the movie night section with a link to the advertiser's website, if applicable. The cost of the ad may be tax deductible as "advertising expenses"

As in past movie presentations, HHIA will sell popcorn and soda.

"We're looking for volunteers who can help us with set-up and concession sales," Ohler-Jenney said.

To place an ad or volunteer contact Ohler-Jenney at [tara@hollyhills.info](mailto:tara@hollyhills.info) or any other HHIA board member or email [hhia@hollyhills.info](mailto:hhia@hollyhills.info)

## New HHIA Officers, Board Members Elected

The election of HHIA board officers and members was held at the March meeting. Tara Ohler-Jenney was elected president, taking over from retiring president Paul Sager.

Sager will stay on the board as Immediate Past President. Previously a Member-at-Large, Stacy Ross was elected Recording Secretary, taking over from longtime board member Anne Borgemeyer who retired earlier

this year. Anna Baldwin was elected as a new Member-at-Large.

In addition to Borgemeyer, the board said goodbye to Past President Dan Haag and Vice President Kate Hastings. Member-at-Large Barb Russell left earlier this year.

"The retiring board members will be truly missed," Ohler-Jenney said. "They all contributed a tremendous

amount to HHIA and the neighborhood. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to our neighborhood.

"We still have several vacant positions, so we'd love to see some of our neighbors step up and join the board," Ohler-Jenney said. "It's a fun group and it's a good feeling to do something for the neighborhood."

## A message from the president...

I hope you had a great Fourth of July and that you're managing to stay cool this summer despite the heat—perhaps with a dip in one of the pools at the Carondelet Park Rec Plex.

Thank you very much to Paul Sager for his years of service to the HHIA Board, most recently as President, a position from which he retired at the May meeting and into which I was voted. I would also like to thank Paul in advance for the future work he will do in his Board position of Immediate Past President—we won't let you get away that easily, Paul!

It's hard to believe that the traditional summer season is half way over, but there's still more fun to come. HHIA will be presenting three free movie nights in Carondelet Park this summer. In August, get to know your neighbors by participating in National Night Out (more details on page 3). Our next general meeting will be in September, so stay tuned for more information. Until then, we'll see you at the movies!

-Tara Ohler-Jenney

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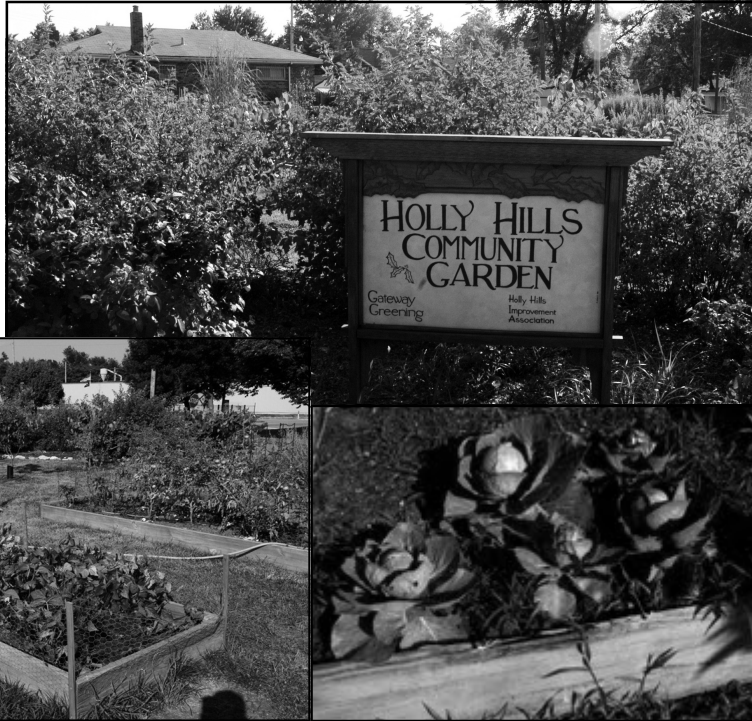
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Tara Ohler-Jenney	President
Vacant	Vice President
Paul Sager	Immediate Past President
Beth Murphy	Treasurer
Stacy Ross	Recording Secretary
Vacant	Financial Secretary
Patrick Hanlon	Member at large
Rich Hutson	Member at large
Anna Baldwin	Member at large

## Community Garden Grows!

Thanks to Dan Haag and Mark Groth for their ongoing hard work on the community garden! Photos by Mark Groth.



### 27th National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs is Aug. 3

Show your neighborhood and community support on Tuesday, Aug. 3, by having a block party for National Night Out. Last day to register is Friday, July 23. Register online at:

<http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/nst/nnomain.htm>.

Registering your party will save you the \$20 street closing permit fee.

Party ideas include giving an award for oldest person on the block, sidewalk chalk drawing contest, welcome new neighbors and a scavenger hunt.

## Holly Hills Real Estate courtesy of Paul Sager

### Active as of June 23:

4125 Concordia \$35,000  
4121 Concordia \$79,900 (UC)  
3852 Bates \$99,900  
4153 Fillmore \$104,900  
4101 Loughborough \$107,500  
3844 Burgen \$110,000  
6730 Morganford \$110,000  
4125 Wilmington \$113,500  
5916 Leona \$114,900  
6125 Newport \$115,000  
5714 Morganford \$129,000  
5644 Morganford \$139,900  
3838 Burgen \$139,900  
5947 Marwinette \$139,900  
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3626 Bowen \$164,900  
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3687 Dover \$209,500  
3620 Wilmington \$209,900  
3900 Bowen \$209,900  
3655 Dover Place \$214,900  
4118 Alma \$220,000  
3924-26 Wilmington \$219,000  
6001-6003 Dewey \$219,900  
3665 Wilmington \$249,900  
3975 Federer \$289,900(UC)  
3850 Federer \$299,000 (UC)  
6144 Marwinette \$299,900  
5620 Arendes \$319,900  
3948 Federer \$395,000

### Sold as of June 23:

3652-54 Bates \$56,700  
4165 Fillmore \$68,500  
3960 Burgen \$73,000  
3625 Wilmington \$81,000  
5904 Morganford \$86,900  
4084 Fillmore \$93,000  
5620 Dewey \$93,000

4122 Burgen \$95,000  
4134 Bates \$99,000  
5624 Arendes \$105,000  
4155 Holly Hills \$112,000  
4111 Bowen \$117,000  
3812 Burgen \$117,500  
4126 Wilmington \$130,000  
5716 Leona \$131,500  
3833 Dover Place \$135,000  
3824 Wilmington \$135,000  
6105 Ray \$157,500  
3671 Dover Place \$162,750  
4124 Tyrolean \$171,000  
4129 Toenges \$179,900  
4144 Tyrolean \$182,500  
6236 Arendes \$199,900  
3918 Fillmore \$200,000  
4103 Federer \$205,000  
3954 Wilmington \$210,000  
6119 Marwinette \$218,500  
4068 Toenges \$222,500  
3963 Wilmington \$235,000  
6501 Leona \$242,500  
6517 Leona \$345,000



## Boat House Clay Tiles Now Available

Local Artist Bridget Flood presented her original clay tile representation of the Carondelet Park Boat House at the HHIA neighborhood meeting in May.

Flood, who operates Carondelet Pottery, created the tiles as a fundraiser for HHIA.

The tiles have a blue glaze and also include a card with a brief history of the Boat House. They are \$25 each and are available for purchase at neighborhood meetings or by completing the order form on the back page.



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## Thanks to Park Helpers!

A big thank you to several groups and individuals who helped make Carondelet Park more beautiful this spring.

In April, in honor of Earth Day, several student groups and neighborhood residents spent two hours picking up trash in the park.

The groups included 26 students and parents from a service club at Beasley Elementary School in the Melville School District led by Beasley music teacher and Holly Hills resident Ben McClusky. This is the third year Beasley students have participated in park cleanups.

In addition, Metro High School Freshmen Xander Wohlstadter and Jesse Diamond and Francis Howell seventh-grader Harinya Potluri helped along with several Holly Hills residents

Holly Hills resident Jim Ross organized the clean up.

In May, 10 eighth graders from St. Stephens performed a variety of tasks.

Will Smith, William Kaiser, Joe Carr, David Hennen, Devon Sample, Madeline Millman, Elise Thomas, Valerie Massman, Hannah Rettig, and Samantha Braun were

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Missouri Botanical Garden says: "Don't Pitch Those Pots!" Once again they are collecting plastic gardening pots, trays and cell packs daily, May through September, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Monsanto Center west parking lot at 4500 Shaw Blvd. or go to [www.plasticpotrecycling.org](http://www.plasticpotrecycling.org) for a list of additional collection sites.



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# HHIA General Membership Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2010

Members Present: Kate Hastings, Tara Ohler-Jenney, Beth Murphy, Stacy Ross, Paul Sager

President Paul Sager recognized Bridget Flood of Carondelet Pottery who has created an original clay tile depicting the Carondelet Park Boat-house as a fundraiser for HHIA. The tiles can be purchased for \$25.

Mayor Slay was introduced. The mayor made his case for local control of the police department, an issue that was brought up in the state legislature in the session just ended.

"We think we can save up to \$4 million if we consolidated the services (of the city with the police department) – purchasing, hiring etc. We came as far as we've ever come. It was narrowly defeated in the House. Came out of committee in Senate but never got a vote."

The Mayor discussed the city's \$45 million budget shortfall. "We have to either find savings or revenue enhancements to close the gap."

- A plan is being developed to charge residents for trash service.
- "Pensions have gone up 1200 percent. Let me repeat that. 1200 percent." \$6.4 million when Clarence Harmon was Mayor. This year we will put about \$75 million in the 3 pension systems.
- Fiscal year 2011, firefighters, benefits are 80% of salary, the following year, more than 100% - in other words, for every dollar in salary, we will be paying more than a dollar in benefits.
- Police dept. benefits are about 70-percent of salary. This year we gave the police a \$1 million cut in budget – they have \$3.9 million shortfall they have to make up without lowering staffing levels because of federal grant that requires level staffing

"I don't want control over the money, I just want to be able to modify the benefits."

The Mayor discussed Crime statistics:

- 43% of crime in city is car-related – car thefts, stealing stuff out of cars, car cloutings. Beefing up efforts, more visibility, more surveillance, intelligence. Crime overall is down in the city.

The Mayor took questions:

Q: "You're asking your hourly employees to take a 3.5% pay cut – what about the pencil pushers?"

A: "They are getting a pay cut. I'm taking a pay cut. Some employees will now have to pay for parking. Elected officials – voluntary pay cut."

Q: City earnings tax – where do we stand with this?

A: Rex Sinquefeld got the signatures – not certified yet but we expect they will be – it will be on the ballot statewide to decide if St. Louis and Kansas City can vote on whether to keep the earnings tax – if that happens, next April it will be on the ballot.

"I trust the people of St. Louis. It would devastate the budget. The earnings tax is about one-third of the city budget."

"I think the whole idea of the earnings tax is worthy of debate, but it's irresponsible to get rid of it without knowing how it will be replaced."

To replace it would have to go to state legislature, it would take time. If people vote to keep the earnings tax – it goes on the ballot 5 years from now. If they vote to get rid of it, it would

phase out over 10 years. We could not afford that.

"I do believe the earnings tax is an impediment. If you go across Skinker there's no earnings tax. It's not as big as an impediment as Rex Sinquefeld believes it is, but having said that we can't do without it without having something to replace it."

Q: Is problem with pensions because of state control or do all cities our size have that problem?

A: Problem is because of the stock market but the state won't do anything about it. In '90s with increase in stock market, pensions were increased. Now that the stock market is

down, it's costing us. City controls fire dept, but state law says state is in charge of pensions. I suggest to state legislature – either fix it yourself and make it affordable or give it to us.

"I think the whole idea of the earnings tax is worthy of debate, but it's irresponsible to get rid of it without knowing how it will be replaced."

- Mayor Francis Slay

Q: What's the status of Ball-park Village

A: "It's on hold. I

refused to do two things – they wanted us to put in direct money like KC did and they wanted us to back the bonds. It's heavily retail and in a market like this you're not going to get financing for a project like this. That property is very valuable. The Cardinals own it. They are a reputable organization and I have faith in them. They want something to happen too. It doesn't look like anything's going to happen anytime soon."

Q: Who will be charged for trash – property owner or resident

A: Tried to get it put on property tax bill, legislature wouldn't agree to it.

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Now either separate bill or on water bill. Collection rate won't be as high as it would be if it were on tax bill.

**Q:** I want to recognize park employees for keeping up the park on a limited budget.

**A:** "There's a lot of good city employees. Seventy people will lose their jobs. Since I've been in office we've eliminated 700-800 jobs. I try to lead by example. We have 30% fewer people in the mayor's office. My budget has gone down – and that's not even taking into account inflation.

**Q:** Status of a city/county merger?

**A:** Nothing going on. "I'd like to see the city reenter the county as another municipality." Doesn't want it politicized during county executive race. We could save a lot of money. We could merge our economic development, our health depts., our public safety training. We don't have to merge the police depts. But we could merge the training. It's going to benefit the city and the county or it's not going to work.

President Sager noted that HHIA meeting minutes are posted on the web site and HHIA financial statements are available at the front table.

**Circuit Clerk Mariano Favazza:** Discussed a new initiative. We're still the only circuit attorney's office that communicates warrants electronically, cutting off days in the amount of time it takes. A few weeks ago I realized I was only doing half the job. From now on, I'm going to put this information on the web site along with a picture of the person. Been asked why can't I put pictures of defendants with at-large warrants – I couldn't think of a reason so we're going to do that too. Information at [www.stlcitycircuitcourt.com](http://www.stlcitycircuitcourt.com)

**Ward 11 Alderman Matt Villa:**

- Aldermen Wessels and I did take a pay cut. It's optional for elected

officials because there is no way to mandate it. Most of the aldermen have either scheduled a furlough or have taken a furlough – a pay decrease. And I will for the next budget year as well.

- Old funeral home on Grand – forestry cut the grass last week. Owner bought funeral home when he thought he was going to buy the other building, unfortunately his financing dried up. The funeral home is now up for sale. He will be billed for grass cutting – put on his property taxes. He is behind by two years, but we'll get that money if it ever sells. In pretty good condition inside – the outside looks worse. It is a building we'd like to save.

- The lots at Bates just east of Jack N the Box – had a developer – did not receive any calls of interest so right now city's LRA still owns it. It is available for sale.

- Commended Jake Hummel – one of few in the city delegation who voted against firefighter residency change – it's pretty sad that out of 9 city state reps only 2 supported the city. Other was Jeanette Mott Oxford. It's clearly in our charter. People tell me we need more police. We don't even control it. It's not a priority for the Governor. He appoints the police board members.

- Brian Kolde is back as NSO temporarily – six positions eliminated in NSO office – will no longer be one per ward. If we can find money I'd like to add an NSO.

- Start widening Loughborough bridge in June

**Ward 13 Alderman Fred Wessels:** "I too want to commend Jake Hummel. He's a freshman representative and it's not easy to take some of the positions he took. It takes some nerve."

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headquarters to Belgium but Griesedick Brothers are moving their world headquarters to S. 38<sup>th</sup> St. right here in the 13<sup>th</sup> ward. Raymond Griesedick trying to work out a deal – that will be their plant – it won't be retail, they won't have a restaurant and it will have a small number of employees – like 5-6.

- Spring and Delor apartments at Itaska - that's in the 25<sup>th</sup> ward. I emailed Shane Cohn and he's on it. He has \$25 million from some grant – federal money for flood prevention – \$2.6 million going into street improvements at Spring, Delor and Itaska and some of that money is going to go to renovating those apartments – the owners are going to put some money into it also. There's some issues with the current ownership I think that he (Shane Cohn) would like to get some different owners in there but that will take a while – 6-8 months.

- St. Mary's High School purchased apts – leveled them and just about ready to complete the baseball field. That area is going to be better because we're getting rid of some problems.

- Furlough – if the rest of the city employees are doing it, we should too.

Question from audience about comment in the YMCA newsletter from Dan Schulz's frustration with City over problems at the Y. Wessels: "I thought it was a CYA memo – Dan was blaming everything on the city. I thought it was inappropriate. We're supposed to be working together."

District 108 State Rep. Jake Hummel:

- Phone bill fees are going to go down over the next 10 years. Passed bill for insurance coverage for children with autism Bills that didn't pass – charge admission to zoos/museums
- Local control of police department

failed – I did vote for that. The KC delegation did vote with us for the most part but until we can get our own city delegation to vote with us, won't pass.

- Fire dept. residency that is a city charter issue that is supposed to be decided by a 60% vote of the people. There is not supposed to be any state interference.

- "We worked all year – joint committee Republicans and Democrats – bipartisan bill passed out of committee – Ethics reform. The House floor leader refused to bring it up for debate. Republicans passed bill strictly on party lines, no limits on contributions, no closing of the revolving door for legislators. Senate fixed it as best it could. One member of the House has taken several hundred thousands dollars for a state rep race – I don't think that kind of money has any kind of place in a state rep race."

- State has huge budget problem as well – passed budget \$400 million out of balance – governor will have to make cuts. There's a state tax exemption for yacht owners – I don't think that's right. I filed two bills to try to put that money back in.

Question from audience about status of state historic tax credits. Hummel: "Governor is in favor of cut – I am not. Historic tax credits have revitalized St. Louis. We need those historic tax credits. We are number 1 in the country in the use of historic tax credits. No where have they had success like St. Louis. Didn't get voted on. We get back more than we put in by leaps and bounds. All those businesses downtown are paying taxes. I think

there's room for reform. I don't think those have been misused, they're just the biggest ones so they're easiest to take a shot at instead of doing the hard ones.

NSO Brian Kolde:

- Over in Ward 14 – Haly Halliburton has been moved over to Citizen's Service Bureau, Kolde covering until July – also covering for TJ Minden tonight.

- Season for problem properties – we need police calls. If we don't have a lot of police calls we can't do a lot, if we have a lot of police calls we have a process.

## National Night Out is Tuesday, Aug. 3

Register with your NSO and  
get a free street closing  
permit

(see article page 3)

- National night out – Tues. Aug. 3 Register for National night out – you get a free street closing permit – saves you 20 bucks.

HHIA board elections were held. Tara Ohler-Jenney was elected president. Paul Sager

will stay on the board as Immediate Past President. Stacy Ross was elected Recording Secretary. Anna Baldwin was elected Member at Large. Kate Hastings and Dan Haag are leaving the board. They will be missed.

HHIA will be showing three movies in the park this summer and fall. The first one is July 24 "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." The board is looking for advertisers to support the movies.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Rec Plex To Host Triathalon

On Oct. 10, the Carondelet Park Rec. Plex will hold its first ever indoor triathlon.

The triathlon will consist of a 500 yard swim in the indoor pool, nine-mile bike ride on a spinning bike, and a three-mile run on a treadmill.

Registration will be in advance, sign in will start about 6:30 a.m. on the day of the triathlon, and heats will start at 7:30am.

Participants will be grouped according to



time in the pool, and heat times will be given out about 3-4 days before the race.



They will have a running clock, and they will post participants' splits and transition splits.

They will have a men/women overall winner and age group places.



### Park Helpers (Continued from page 4)

supervised by Victoria Chechik, Tim Bolt, and Mark Smith.

The group worked for about two and a half hours and planted and weeded around the Boat House and planted hundreds of marigold plants. They also picked up trash around the lake, playground, horse shoe pits, pavilions, bear pit, ball fields, and around the Y and recycling area.

"It was hard, dirty work, but they all worked hard and did a lot," Smith said.

Thank you all!

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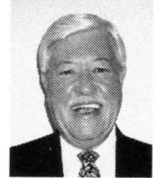
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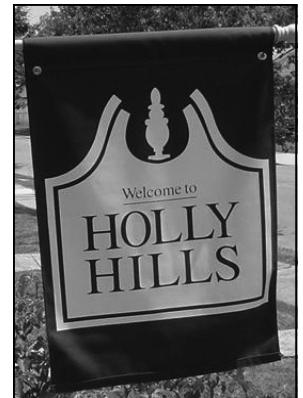
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