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HOLLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HHIA)

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Next Meeting

Mon., March 27 6:00 p.m.

Grbic Restaurant
4071 Keokuk

Meeting Schedule

Mon., March 27 HHIA Dinner
Mon., May 22 General Meeting
Mon., July 24 General Meeting

Annual Dinner Meeting

Every year HHIA holds its annual dinner meeting in place of a general meeting. This year, please come join your friends and neighbors on Monday, March 27 at 6:00pm at the highly acclaimed Grbic Restaurant located in the Bevo Mill area.

Enjoy a delicious buffet that will warm the soul. It includes: • House Salad • Beef in a reduced mushroom sauce • "Parisian Schnitzel" (a lightly breaded boneless chicken breast) • Mashed potatoes • Vegetable medley • Scrumptious apple strudel baked fresh daily by Ermina Grbic.

The family owned restaurant is located at 4071 Keokuk at the intersection of Keokuk and Meremac just east of Gravois and south of Chippewa in the old Baily Dairy. The spacious building has an old-world charm with attractive brick and stone arches, antiques, and a huge fireplace.

The cost for this year's dinner is \$22.00 per person. This includes the full buffet, coffee, tea and soft drinks, and gratuity. A cash bar will be provided. Please fill out the enclosed form with a check made payable to HHIA and mailed to PO Box 22144, St. Louis, MO 63116 for arrival by March 20th.

HHIA DINNER FORM:

To RSVP for our Annual Dinner Meeting, please print out the form below and snail mail it to arrive by Monday, March 20 along with your check or money order to:

Holly Hills Improvement Assn.

PO Box 22144
St. Louis, MO 63116

Questions? Call 569-5708 or
send e-mail to our Webmaster at:
hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org

Yes, we will attend the Holly Hills Annual Dinner Meeting on Monday, March 27.
I am including \$22 per person.

____ Number of adults:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Interested in volunteering for the 2006 Holly Hills House Tour?

HELP PROMOTE HOLLY HILLS! Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Fall 2006 Holly Hills House Tour. Please contact Paul Sager at paul@paulsager.com or 351-9224.

Membership Information

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

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From Our Association President...

Dear Neighbors,

I just wanted to take a few moments to update you on some of the exciting things coming soon in the neighborhood and for the association. First, I hope to see many of you at Grbic restaurant on March 27th for the annual dinner (see related announcement). I'm very

excited to be trying this venue and am hoping that we can continue to explore different locations for this event in the years to come. Also in this newsletter is a call for volunteers to support a community vegetable garden. This is something I've been looking forward to for years and am very

excited that former HHIA board member Mark Groth has taken the lead on this project. As always, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions for the neighborhood and the organization.

Thanks,
Dan Haag
HHIA President 2005-2007

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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
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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. Join your neighbors in the HHIA and be apart of making our neighborhood a better place to live.

From the Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO)

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. To file a complaint or request a service filed with the city, call the Citizen's Service Bureau at 622-4800 or e-mail the comment to www.stlcin.missouri.org/csb. You can contact Brian Kolde, NSO for the Holly Hills neighborhood at 772-3484/622-4628 or KoldeB@stlouiscity.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Every adventure needs a great leader to get the most out of each excursion

Why not be that leader for the new Children's Garden? We're looking for Children's Garden Adventurers volunteers to guide children and their families in a journey through the ecosystems and the settlements of 19th century Missouri. Volunteers are needed seven days a week, May 1 through October 31. Training begins April 1.

This volunteer opportunity benefits the Garden and the planet, as the key to the future lies in how we educate today's children.

You'll reap benefits, too, by becoming a Garden volunteer.

- Discounts when you visit The Garden Gate Shop • The Little Shop Around the Corner • Madame Butterfly Gift Shop • Café Sassafras
- Receive Free Admission to the Garden and its satellite locations
- The chance to connect with others by attending Recognition and Social Events

It's easy to get signed on at the Garden!

- Call Jackie Juras at 314-577-5187
- e-mail: jackie.juras@mobot.org
- or visit the volunteer web page at www.mobot.org/volunteer

*Dale Chihuly
"Glass in the Garden" Exhibit*

From April 30 through October 31, Glass in the Garden will showcase the vibrant, colorful work of internationally renowned artist Dale Chihuly, custom designed for the Missouri Botanical Garden and its Climatron rain forest conservatory.

Volunteers are needed to provide our visitors with a more well-rounded experience and understanding of the Chihuly art on display. Throughout the six-month event, Chihuly Volunteers will assist guests as they enter the Garden and share knowledge about the art installation and the glass-blowing process. All Chihuly Volunteers will attend an orientation on Chihuly and his art.

Volunteers are needed seven days a week – volunteer for as many or as few hours as your schedule allows.

It's easy to get signed on at the Garden!

- Call Jackie Juras at 314-577-5187
- e-mail: jackie.juras@mobot.org
- or visit the volunteer web page at www.mobot.org/volunteer

*Holly Hills Community Garden
Needs Volunteers*

The Holly Hills Improvement Association is excited to announce plans for a new community garden at the corner of Bates and Arenas Drive. This site is owned by MSD and will be leased to the HHIA in 2007. The plan includes 25 raised beds (4' x 12'), 4 water irrigation taps, trees, hedgerow, storage shed, and a fence.

An application for grant funds and materials is underway through Gateway Greening, but we need your help! Volunteer gardeners, carpenters, and landscapers are needed to build the beds, install the fence, haul dirt and mulch, and most importantly to plant and maintain the herbs, vegetables or flowers of your choice! Each of the 25 raised beds will be available to community gardeners on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Spots are filling up fast. For more information please contact Mark at groth_stl@hotmail.com or 314.832.2718.



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uis gains more European flavor with the opening of
urant and bakery located on 6955 Gravois Avenue, next
uth Side Cyclery. This family-run business owned by
prising women brings a slice of Albania and Italy to our
od. The restaurant's name "Arber" is the 15th century
name for Albania, and as the menu says
also "communicates the idea of 'arbor'
and the greenness of trees so vital to
a healthy life and environment."
The culinary offerings reflect this
philosophy with simple but expertly
prepared dishes such as grilled salmon
with artichoke cream sauce, spaghetti
with fresh tomatoes and basil, and
fettuccine Alfredo. Meat eaters can enjoy
chicken, beef, and lamb entrees such as
chicken picots (lemon, capers, mushrooms,
and chicken breast), lamb kebobs, steaks,
and gyro sandwiches. A kid's menu
encourages patrons to bring the whole
family, especially with old St. Louis
ch as toasted ravioli and chicken wings. Lighter
ill appreciate the minestrone soup or a variety of
sandwiches.

moza Hoxha, worked for eight years at Dominic's
Clayton before opening the **Arber** with her sister-in-law
na and friend Albana Bosi. Limoza will welcome you to
rant where you can relax with a cappuccino and her
desserts or stay longer for lunch or dinner in this
novated brick building near Holly Hills. On our repeat
aff remembered our 3-year-old daughter's name and our
ciation for their pizza. On our first visit they surprised
icious homemade ice cream served "on the house."
ly a place to slow down and appreciate the good things

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List Poll: 76% of homeowners plan to paint this year

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pick up the brush themselves, or painting will be one of the improvement projects for across the country this year. A recent poll of *Angie's List* asked homeowners to paint one or more rooms in their homes this year.

In the home improvement industry, consumer spending for their homes has risen in the last decade, and topped \$8.8 billion in 2005, with an average price of \$15 per square foot. Homeowners bought nearly 1.5 billion gallons of paint last year.

A fresh coat of paint can change the appearance of a home. Whether you're looking for a traditional look, or a new, creative finish.

The quickest and least expensive way to improve a home," says Angie's List. "A fresh coat of paint can change the appearance of a home, whether you're looking for a traditional look, or a creative decorative finish. As a homeowner, your home is with an ever-growing color palette of techniques."

Blue-green combinations, gray and white, and colors with gold accents were popular choices in 2006. Along with the half (47%) of respondents who plan to paint their walls with colors of blue, red and green to create a fresh look, and yellows. Fifty-three (53) percent say they'll stick with the same color palette, with plans to use

more neutral colors like taupe and ivory.

And, while painting is something even the most amateur do-it-yourselfer can tackle, nearly half (44%) of the respondents indicated they plan to hire a professional painter.

"Whether it's a lack of time or wanting someone who has more experience with a brush and roller, many homeowners are taking advantage of what professionals have to offer," Hicks says. "When you're juggling a job and family, spending the weekend painting rooms in your home doesn't always sound that appealing. Often a professional can quickly help you narrow down your color choices, choose your paint quality and then get the job done quicker than if you were doing it on your own."

With the growing options of colors, finishes and techniques, however, many consumers can quickly feel overwhelmed. With that in mind, *Angie's List* has some advice:

Tips for picking your paint:

Coordinate your color choice based on the room's permanent fixtures such as flooring and furniture. Less permanent fixtures such as decorative accents and window treatments are easier and less expensive to change.

- Before making your final color selection, purchase test quarts from your retailer and paint the samples on a poster board. Move the samples around the room and leave hanging for a few days to get a good feel for the color before you cover the entire wall.
- If choosing a bold color, consider painting just an accent wall — the first wall you see when you walk into the room. Follow the rule of thumb — use the color on one, three or four walls.
- Keep in mind the perceived space of the room. Dark colors tend to make a room look smaller, while light colors will open up the space.

- Choose a finish. Eggshell and satin finishes will accentuate any imperfections in the wall. A matte or flat finish is the safest route and the better grades are washable.

Are you planning to sell your home soon?

If so, you may decide to stick with neutral colors rather than bold colors or decorative finishes. You need to keep in mind that buyers need to be able to visualize their things in your home.

- Choose colors that match the mood you are trying to create for the room. Greens are romantic and are great for bedrooms, lavenders are calming, gold brings warmth and red is excitable and often used in kitchens.

Some of the latest trends and decorative finishes:

- Faux finishing. Includes a series of painting techniques such as glazing, aging, stenciling, marbleizing and wood graining that bring texture and depth to an otherwise flat surface.
- Decorative treatments. Color meshing, striping, color blocking and creating diamond patterns and fabric textures are all emerging as fresh alternatives.
- Murals. Artwork is popular for kids' rooms with sports and jungle scenes common for boys, and princesses and fashion common for girls.
- Concrete floors. The newest canvas for painting colors and patterns. All it takes is concrete paint and a water coat sealer to protect the surface.
- Specialty coatings. True Pearl brings an iridescent shine to otherwise flat surfaces such as cabinets; Fusion is no-prep paint for plastic including mailboxes and toys; Eclipse paint that changes based on body temperature; Magnetic Paint for kitchens and home offices; and Chalkboard Paint for playrooms.

Promote Your Business!

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4122 Concordia \$89,000
4111 Burgen \$124,900
4135 Burgen \$129,900
6036 Arenides \$139,900
3844 Bates \$139,900
5623 Arenides \$142,500
4095 Bowen \$142,900
3697 Bellerive Blvd. \$144,900
4145 Tyrolean \$149,000
5622-24 Leona \$149,900
3824 Burgen \$149,900

3990 Dover Place \$164,900
4123 Tyrolean \$169,900
4146 Toenges \$194,900
3642 Bellerive Blvd. \$194,900
4067 Toenges \$210,000
4070 Holly Hills Blvd. \$214,900
3985 Dover Place \$228,500
6516 Morganford \$229,900
5911 Marwinette \$235,000
4141 Federer \$244,900
6145 Marwinette \$250,000
6024 Arenides \$269,900
6114 Arenides \$274,000
6118 Arenides \$299,000

SOLD Listings January 4 - February 28, 2006

3854 Bates \$60,000
4162 Wilmington \$110,500
4182 Concordia \$114,000
4156 Federer \$130,000
4010 Dover \$132,500
4127 Tyrolean \$157,000
4133 Alma \$171,000
5948 Marwinette \$185,000
3801 Holly Hills Blvd. \$390,000
4117 Alma \$157,000



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