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Stop, Think Before Pitching TVs and Electronics

NEXT MEETING

March 23

7:30 p.m.

Dan Rechtien, Coordinator of the Fraud Prevention Task Force with the Circuit Attorney's office

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With the coming switch to HD TV, waste management officials such as the city's Jill Hamilton have been gearing up for an influx of old televisions. Hamilton and her counterparts are concerned that many people will take the easy route and simply throw old TVs and computers in the Dumpster.

Hamilton and several other waste managers and recyclers appeared recently at a forum about proper electronics disposal and recycling.

Individuals who dispose of electronics improperly are actually making two mistakes. The first one is throwing away valuable resources, including, glass, plastic and precious metals that can be recycled, sold and used for other things. The second is adding hazardous materials to the waste stream that could potentially enter the water supply or otherwise contaminate the environment.

In addition, Hamilton urges consumers not to donate TVs and electronics to charities without first checking that the charity will accept them. State law requires all businesses, including charities to dispose of hazardous materials properly. "Make sure the item works so you're not burdening them with the re-

sponsibility of disposing of it," Hamilton said.

So what's the alternative? St. Louis Regional Partnership for Electronics Recovery has developed a web page ecycle.org with a list of reputable electronics recyclers that the partnership has researched and registered as adhering to both privacy and environmental standards.

Dave Beal of EPC in St. Charles also participated in the forum and is one of the

companies listed on ecycle.org. He explained the various ways reputable companies recycle or dispose of electronics. For example, they use a machine that strips valuable copper from wires and separates it from the remaining insulation, which is then sold to Nike for use in shoes.

Beal cautioned consumers to be careful when disposing of personal computers that may store financial or other

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Citywide House Tour set for March 29

Big BIG Tour, a free Citywide tour of for-sale properties, will kick off its 10th Annual Tour on Sunday, March 29, from 10am to 3pm. The starting point is Mullanphy ILC Elementary School at 4221 Shaw Boulevard near Missouri Botanical Gardens.

The tour will include several homes in the neighborhood, said real estate agent Paul Sager.

To familiarize themselves with the home-buying process, attendees can arrive early to talk with realtors, review financing options, meet with neighborhood and community organizations, as well as check out information on local schools at the Homebuyers

Expo.

Attendees can pick up a guide book that lists available properties and a detailed map available at the starting point, Mullanphy ILC Elementary School, 4221 Shaw Blvd beginning at 10:00am and set out on their self-guided tour.

A springtime tradition, the Tour and informative Homebuyers Expo are free and open to the public. Visit www.bigbigtour.org It is presented by ReVitalize St. Louis, a diverse coalition of citizens committed to revitalization in the City of St. Louis through historic preservation and sensitive, planned development. For more information visit www.rvstl.org

A message from the president...

My how quickly the year has gone! Spring is right around the corner and the neighborhood will start to bloom with various colors and sounds. I encourage you to get out in these warmer temps and walk the neighborhood! Soak in the great architectural details and elements that we have right here in Holly Hills. Seek out new neighbors and greet them!

We will be doing our annual Carondelet Park clean up on April 18, so please come out and help us clean up after another St. Louis winter. I encourage all of you to attend the City Big Big Tour this year on March 29, it is a great way to encourage your friends and family who may be looking to move into Holly Hills area to go through some homes!

Elections are coming up for the Board and I encourage you to become active and perhaps seek a position on our board! We are looking for a recording secretary and at least one more member-at-large. We truly have fun together and together we help create the many things HHIA does for the neighborhood! Let's make the spring of 2009 in Holly Hills one to remember! Go out and conquer!

- Paul Sager



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For more information or to become a member of HHIA contact us at (314) 569-5708 or hhia@hollyhills.info

Numbers to Know!

First District Police	444-0100
Police (non-emergency)	231-1212
Anonymous Drug, Gang, Homicide Police Line	241-COPS
Haly Halyburton—Ward 11 NSO	613-7148
Kathy Savage—Ward 12 NSO	613-3163
T. J. Minden—Ward 13 NSO	622-3444
Citizens' Service Bureau	622-4800
Humane Society	647-8800
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Alderman Fred Wessels 13th Ward	589-6836
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Holly Hills Community Calendar—Participate!

The following neighborhood activities are coming up—plan to participate!

at regular bulk pick up sites no later than 10:00am.

on the second Monday of each month. (See article page 4)

District One Officer of the Year Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, March 18 at 12:00pm

Location: Christy Banquet Center (5856 Christy Blvd.)

Contact: Officer Thomas Bottini at 314-444-0176

Lunch honors all of the 2008 police officers of the month. Cost is \$20.00 per person or \$160.00 per table of 8.



Operation Brightside Project Blitz

Saturday, April 4

Location: On the Street Where You Live

Contact: Operation Brightside at 314-772-4646

Clean up your street and alley. The City will help on Blitz Saturday by emptying all trash and yard waste containers. Bulk items must be in place

SLPS Community Education Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, April 13, 6 p.m.

Location: Long Middle Community Education Center (5028 Morganford – Park in the lot off of Walsh. Enter at Door 7)

Contact: Patrice Crotty at 314-353-1034

The Long CEC Advisory Council meets

Carondelet Park Earth Day Clean-Up

Saturday, April 18 at 9 a.m.

Location: Carondelet Park Boathouse

Contact: Stacy or Jim Ross, 481-7677

Celebrate Earth Day and join us for our annual park clean-up. Sponsored by HHIA and Friends of Carondelet Park.

Healthy Kids Day

Saturday, April 18 from 11:00am-2:00pm

Location: Carondelet YMCA

Contact: Nicky at 314-353-4960

Active Older Adults Day

Wednesday, May 27

Location: Carondelet YMCA

Contact: Nicky at 314-353-4960

Holly Hills Real Estate courtesy of Paul Sager

Active listings as of March 5:

5624 Leona \$74,900

3847 Bates \$75,000

5718 Morganford \$89,000

4084 Wilmington \$94,985

3808 Burgen \$99,900

3616 Fillmore \$104,900

6517 Morganford \$107,000

3624 Wilmington \$129,000

4131 Loughborough \$129,900

3937 Burgen \$139,900

3936 Bowen \$139,900

4095 Haven \$147,000

5644 Morganford \$149,900

5648 Morgarford \$149,900

4087 Haven \$155,500

3642 Bellerive \$156,000

3627 Bellerive \$159,000

4123 Tyrolean \$159,900

3986 Bowen \$160,000

5937 Marwinette \$169,495

4124 Alma \$175,000

5608 Arendes \$177,900

3833 Wilmington \$179,900

4138 Haven \$179,900

3916 Dover \$179,900

6128 S. Grand \$200,000

40470 Holly Hills \$218,500

3841 Dover \$219,900

3942 Burgen \$244,900

SOLD between Dec. 12-March 5

4149 Wilmington \$57,000

3674 Loughborough \$127,000

3634 Wilmington \$136,000

4092 Burgen \$144,500

5809 Dewey \$146,000

4101 Toenges \$169,000

4043 Toenges \$228,000

HHIA General Membership Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2009

Present: Paul Sager, Kate Hastings, Tara Ohler Jenney, Patrick Hanlon, Stacy Ross, Barbara Russell. Unable to Attend: Brooks Goedeker, Beth Murphy, Anne Borgmeyer

Paul Sager called the meeting to order. Minutes from the November 2008 meeting may be found on the website and in the newsletter. Copies of the financial report were available at the meeting.

Captain Spiess reported that the district has experienced a reduction in crime in the past two years. Three robberies took place in 2008. There has been one robbery (purse snatching at a bus stop – no weapon was involved) and no burglaries reported so far in 2009. There has been a series of car break-ins in the Holly Hills and Boulevard Heights neighborhoods. The thieves are juveniles and they are armed. Captain Spiess stressed that residents should call the police and NOT take matters into their own hands. He reminded residents to use The Club on their vehicle steering wheels to reduce the likelihood of theft. Officer Bottini noted that the St. Louis Police Officer of the Year awards banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 at noon at the Christy. Call Officer Bottini for details.

Due to inclement weather, Dan Rechti, Coordinator of the Fraud Prevention Task Force with the Circuit Attorney's office, rescheduled his presentation for the HHIA March general meeting.

Alderman Fred Wessels did not attend the meeting due to illness.

Alderman Matt Villa reported that the property owner of Foodland must obtain a conditional use permit from the city zoning department in order for the tractor-trailers to park on the back parking lot. The process includes a zoning hearing where interested parties can express their concerns or support. A developer is still being sought for the property at the corner of Grand and Holly Hills. The city and the YMCA are in the process of finalizing an agreement for the Y to operate the

new community recreation center in Carondelet Park. Five new homes are to be constructed along Bates east of the Jack-in-the-Box. Zoning was approved for the Fifth Third Bank to build a branch at Loughborough Commons. While the city's portion of the funding for road improvements on Loughborough is available, Federal funding has been held up. Plans call for the bike trail along Germania to eventually continue east, then south to Jefferson Barracks.

Ward 13 Neighborhood Stabilization Officer TJ Minden encouraged residents to participate in the St. Louis Public Schools' community education program. (*See article next page*)

Nini Harris, local historian, is in the process of conducting a survey to determine if the Holly Hills neighborhood will qualify as a Federal historic district. The survey area is bounded by Bates, Grand, Holly Hills, and Morganford. Nini will be describing each building. If awarded, the designation as a Federal historic district may make some entities eligible for Federal and state tax credits and encourage proper rehabbing of the buildings. The designation would be less restrictive than the City's historic district designation. Nini is also working on a series of books about the Bellerive, Holly Hills and Carondelet neighborhoods. She is looking for information on the Great Depression and World War II. Details on the information she hopes to find will be available in the next newsletter.


Tara Ohler Jenney reminded residents that HHIA annual membership fees for 2009

are due (\$10.00 per household and \$25 per business). Holly Hills flags are also available for purchase at \$30.00 each. Paul Sager announced that HHIA, in conjunction with Front Door Features, will host an outdoor movie on Saturday, June 13 in Carondelet Park. The next General Meeting will be held on March 23.

Residents may contact the Holly Hills Improvement Association by going to the website: hollyhills.info.

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Historical Society Sponsors Exhibit

The Carondelet Historical Society (6303 Michigan Ave) is preparing "Architecture and Architects of Carondelet," a new exhibit showcasing photos from the extensive collection of local resident and former CHS board member, Richard Federer. The exhibit is officially scheduled to open in May, in conjunction with National Preservation Month. For more information, contact the CHS at 481-6303.

Community Center Wants Input on Offerings

The Bevo Long Community Education Center (CEC) is one of several throughout the city. The CECs are funded and operated by the St. Louis Public Schools (which of course is funded by the taxpayer).

They sponsor a variety of classes and events for the area. The steering council that manages the CEC meets on the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the school at 5028 Morganford. The committee encourages people to attend

to give input into what classes and goals the CEC should set. For instance right now they are trying to start a community garden in the front of Bevo-Long and are looking for people to help organize it. They also are assisting the school with a green fair and activities. It's another chance for the neighbors to get involved and help manage an asset they fund with their tax dollars.

- TJ Minden, Ward 13 NSO

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private information. Reformatting the hard drive does not permanently delete the information, he said. EPC uses a machine to physically shred the hard drives of computers brought in by individuals. His company also buys used computers from large companies which they refurbish and resell. The company uses a U.S. Department of Defense standard to eradicate all data on those hard-drives.

For more information go to the city of St. Louis Refuse Division web site at
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