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Carondelet Park RecPlex

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The Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA) was formed on September 10, 1927. Since its inception, HHIA has worked to promote the well being of Holly Hills and its residents. For more information or to become a member, please contact us.

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SAFETY EXPO ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7

The HHIA is sponsoring a Safety Expo on Sunday, April 7 from 1-3 p.m. at the Carondelet Park RecPlex. The event is free and open to the public.

"We will offer a variety of resources related to personal safety and property security," said HHIA President Stacy Ross. "We're partnering with a number of organizations, including the RecPlex and other neighborhood organizations to bring this free event to the community."

The St. Louis Police Department will offer gun locks. And license plate locks. Neighborhood Stabilization Officers (NSO) will have "The Club" on sale for \$13, and the St. Louis Fire Department will be on hand to discuss fire safety

and take orders for free smoke detectors installation. Representatives of the Circuit Attorney's office will discuss the Neighborhood Ownership Model and other safety issues and RecPlex staff will give a self-defense demonstration.

In addition, HHIA has invited commercial vendors such as alarm companies, so residents can compare prices and services.

"Our neighborhood is very safe," Ross said. "At the same time, we do have occasional break-ins and vandalism." Our goal is to bring factual information and best practices to residents and businesses to help them feel more confident in their safety."

WILL MARCH SNOW BRING MAY VEGGIES?

Spring is just around the corner and with it the start of the 2013 gardening season! The Holly Hills Community Garden has space available for anyone interested in joining. No gardening experience is necessary. This is a great way to get outdoors and

get some exercise, gain access to inexpensive, fresh produce, and make some friends in the process. Each bed is \$25 for the season and gardeners must be HHIA members (\$15). Anyone interested should contact Hannah Ehrlich at butzhannah@yahoo.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT

I want to start by saying thank you to all of you who responded so quickly to our membership renewal notices in January. As I have mentioned previously, we at HHIA realize we haven't done the best job of letting you know when your membership is expiring, and we are working on processes to make that information more readily available to you. So I was pleased, and touched, by the response, especially from a number of folks who paid back dues and extended their memberships for two or more years. Your actions let us know that you think HHIA is a valuable organization and we thank you for that vote of confidence.

Therefore, we are redoubling our efforts to provide you with useful information and services. To that end, we are sponsoring the Safety Expo on April 7 from 1-3 p.m. at the Carondelet Park RecPlex. We're hoping for a strong turnout for this free event.

It's also time to start thinking about summer movies in the park. The movies are fun family activities and attendance has grown over the years; we'd like to continue to offer them. Because of the cost of licensing the movie and renting the equipment, we sell advertising. This is a time-consuming process and with many local businesses purchasing ads in the upcoming directory, I'm wondering if budgets for this kind of advertising might be tapped out. We'll be discussing this as a board, but we certainly appreciate your input on this and any other neighborhood topic.

Thanks for being an HHIA member.
~ Stacy Ross

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4161 Concordia	\$58,000	3662 Wilmington ...	\$149,900 (UC)
4210 Bates	\$74,900 (UC)	6111 Marwinette ...	\$150,000 (UC)
4077 Concordia	\$84,900	4099 Fillmore	\$159,900
3829 Burgen.....	\$98,000	5604 Arendes.....	\$160,000
4120 Fillmore	\$99,900	3820 Dover	\$169,900
5940 Marwinette	\$99,900	6717 Alexander.....	\$179,900 (UC)
4072 Wilmington	\$109,500	4124 Alma	\$194,500
4114 Wilmington ...	\$118,000 (UC)	3998 Bowen	\$199,999
3966 Burgen.....	\$119,900	4077 Toenges	\$205,000
4161 Loughborough	\$119,900	5935 Coronado	\$205,000 (UC)
4077 Haven	\$119,900	4065 Holly Hills.....	\$239,900
4133 Haven	\$124,900	4064 Federer	\$249,900
4088 Concordia	\$124,900	5620 Arendes.....	\$269,900
4112 Haven	\$135,000	3804 Federer	\$375,000
3665 Fillmore	\$139,900	3999 Holly Hills.....	\$375,000 (UC)

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3680 Wilmington.....	\$136,500
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HHIA MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2013

Present: Stacy Ross, Ted Disabato, Brenda Smarko, Jan Hill, Kendal Dauphin, Beth Murphy

Primary election is March 5th

Peggy Meyer, Principal of Woerner School

Woerner has 400 students, preschool – 5th grade; pull students from Holly Hills, Bevo; Feed to Long and Blow Schools; Feel free to call for a visit; 85% of students on free or reduced lunch; Woerner has single gender class rooms; Been using single gender class rooms for 2 years and so far has been successful; 22 is average class size

Captain Dan Howard

Looks positive with new Police Chief; great relationship with City Hall; tough on bad guys

So far this year, one burglary on 3272 Federer and two cars broken into in the neighborhood; There have been some issues with car break ins in YMCA lot; going to have more officers on the lot; Keep items in your car out of view; put them in the trunk

Three homicides in Dutchtown in the beginning of the year; Have suspects in custody in two of the cases; seven robberies in two-week

span; six of them were people in from another neighborhood purchasing marijuana

Officer Jim Cox

Provided paperwork on break in statistics - times and days that are most popular for break ins (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday midday); Also a booklet on ways to protect your home, safety tips

Taking poll on who would be interested in neighborhood ownership program; We want to make sure we have enough

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NOTES FROM CARONDELET PARK BOARD MEETING 1/15/13

Forest Park bonding drafted, but at a standstill, waiting for someone to pay attorney fees. No action on any other neighborhood parks – waiting until after the mayoral election. Skillman predicts another year of parks receiving ½ cent sales tax (rather than it going to pay for bonds).

Repairs on Holly Hills bridge over the railroad tracks expected to start first week of March. Expansion joints will be replaced and the deck will be overlaid. Plates will be removed.

Health Dept./Animal Control has moved out of the Gasconade

facility. Parks Dept. is working on the building and should move from Carondelet Park facility into Gasconade by end of April. The chain link fence around the maintenance area will be removed.

Lights donated by Villa Lighting will be installed at Lyle House.

Ron Bolte and Tim Bolt are looking at resources, including an expert assessment from the Audubon Society, regarding the development of a bird sanctuary in the park.

Funding for the extension of the

bike path along I-55 into the park is slated for next fiscal year.

Circle drive in Bellerive Park has been removed. Parks Dept. has applied to MSD for money for repairs. Gateway Greening has proposed a trail between Bellerive and Sister Marie Charles Park. Needs to be ADA accessible so it may need to be a switchback.

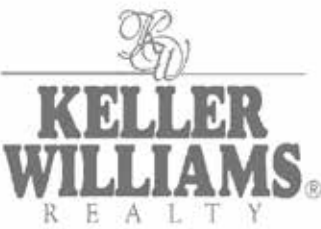
Measure on April ballot for 3/16 cent sales tax. Forty percent would go to regional parks/Arch and 60 percent would go to neighborhood parks. Carondelet Park would get an estimated \$50,000.



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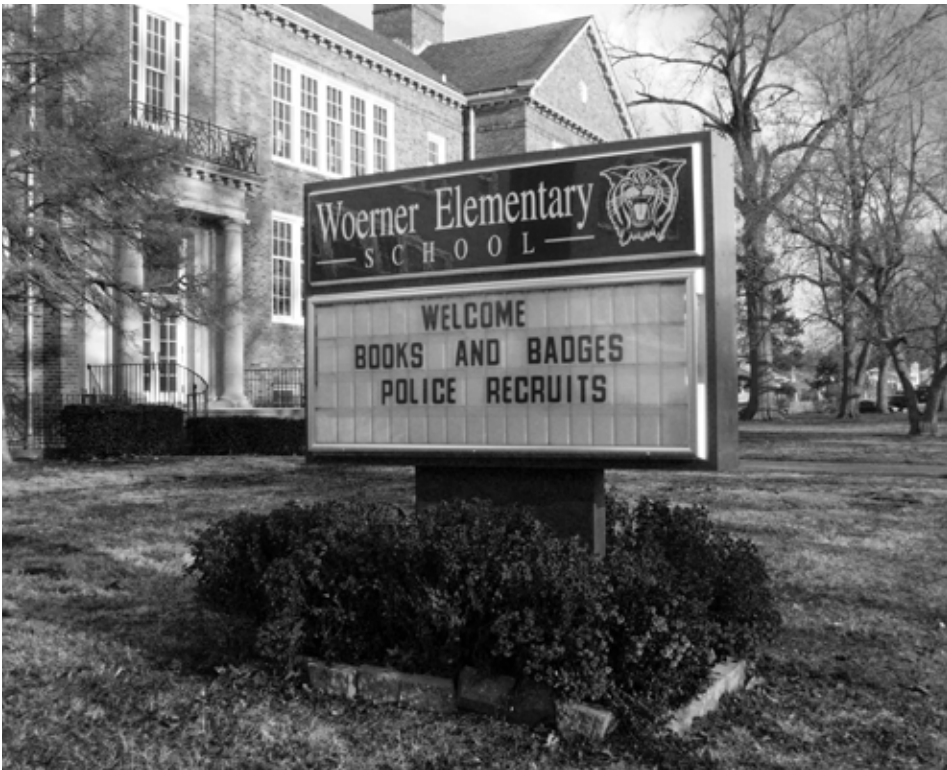
Paid for by Proposition S money, Woerner Elementary has had the following work completed:

- Tuck Pointing & Interior Wall Repair
- Data & Electrical Upgrades
- New Window Replacements
- Restroom Renovations

- Paving/Resurfacing of Schoolyard
- Other projects to be completed soon include:
- A new intercom and clock system
- Building Safety and Security Upgrades
- Environmental Services

We love visitors, so if you would like to come by and see the school, please give me a call at 481-8585, and I'd be happy to give you a tour.

~ Peggy Meyer
Principal
Woerner Elementary



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people interested in it before we begin

Officer Cox is a part of the neighborhood ownership program for Bevo - very successful there; One example: burglary on Morganford, Bevo residents went to sentencing of defendant and he received 20 years; Can be very successful once up and running

Top one or two things to make a priority in your home:

1. Make sure nothing valuable in sight of windows when you are not home

2. Keep trusted neighbors informed if you are out of town or gone for an extended time

Burglar alarms are useful; the noise itself can scare burglars away

Question: Can neighborhood spend money on trained people to walk the neighborhood for security? Captain Howard feels our neighborhood is safe and not to that point yet.

**Brian Kolde, 11th Ward
Neighborhood Stabilization
Officer**

Has worked a lot with neighborhood watch - different from

neighborhood ownership model, which is much more extensive

Neighborhood Watch - groups of people as neighbors being aware of what is going on on your block; Get the block to meet regularly to discuss what is going on for that block; Distributed pamphlets on how to organize your block; Happy to come to the meeting if your block is interested in getting a Neighborhood Watch together; Try to get 50% of your block to participate

Can also discuss problem properties where there are behavioral, nuisance activities

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PARK CLEAN-UPS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20 & MAY 18

HHIA and Friends of Carondelet Park have two clean-ups scheduled this spring. Our annual clean-up in celebration of Earth Day will take place on Saturday, April 20, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the playground.

In addition, we're organizing a clean-up on Sunday, May 18 with the YMCA's youth group and

we're happy to have others join in. These are great opportunities for students who need service hours and we welcome any groups or organizations who want to participate as well. Contact us at info@hollyhills.info.

Thanks to Tim Bolt of Friends of Carondelet Park for spearheading

a spring garden clean-up. Tim has worked tirelessly cleaning up many of the flower beds in the park and along the boulevards in preparation for spring. He is always looking for volunteers, so contact him at timothybold@hotmail.com or through the Friends Facebook page if you can help out.



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Car theft - The Club almost 100% effective in preventing; Has clubs available for purchase; \$13 ; Also in the Collector of Revenue's office; Cash only

Tips: if you are in your yard, keep the doors locked; so important to just be aware of your surroundings, for yourself and your neighbors

Next Step: Safety Expo; Sunday Afternoon April 7 1-3 p.m. at the Rec Plex (see page 1); Information on safety and security; Alarm companies invited

Announcements

Tammy Brownfield, Neighborhood Directory – Mira Digital Publishing

Will list all businesses in the neighborhood, maps, neighbors, available on line; Advertising is available if interested

EMT Allegra Grizzanti and Paramedic Melissa Rieger

Ambulances have been shut down in the city; Went from about 12 ambulances to 10 for the entire city; Response times are much longer; Many times a day they go NUA (no ambulances available); Private ambulances go NUA about as often as the city ambulances; City ambulance cost about \$500 per trip billed to patient and private about \$1,000

2 major reasons for this shut down:

1. EMS is understaffed

2. Not allowed to use overtime employees to cover the gaps

Contact your Alderman, Director of Pub Security; Anyone that can assist in getting this issue known

Dennis Trask, Bevo Long Community Educational Center

Lots of fun classes; Some are low cost and some are free; Pamphlets available

13th Ward Alderman Fred Wessels

Spoke with Chief Jenkerson and he had several good reasons for ambulance shut downs. City has liberal vacation and family leave guidelines and there is no OT available; Firefighters can respond

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to emergency calls but they are not always able to handle cases that EMS can

Both Aldermen are available at Schnucks every Friday 8:30-10:30

Spring and Delor Apartments; Will look very nice; not section 8 housing; \$12 million project

Kitchen and Bath store at Holly Hills and Morganford – nothing certain, however the gentleman interested in this spoke of parking a construction trailer there to work out of temporally; if you see this

call Fred! He will not let this happen

Water Issue – Veolia says there will be no layoffs, no sale of the water division; However, employees of the Water Dept are not agreeable to having an outside company come in

11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa

Items stolen in yards and garage in 11th Ward; Neighbors need to be vigilant; Prostitution Ring still prevalent on Broadway

New sidewalks going into the park to YMCA and the bridge will be done as well; New trees in at Holly Hills and Arendes; Passed tougher bill on re-sale of stolen cell phones; Shoppers Cleaners building is condemned; Neat building but will need someone with money to come in and refurbish it

Cameras in the ally, they are expensive and not always effective; Once they catch on to where the cameras are, they park their car so they are not visible

Harry Kennedy, Legislative Director for Lewis Reed

Water issue off the agenda for now; STL spends a lot of \$ on our water

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