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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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PARK CLEAN-UP EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 19 AND 26



Tim & Beth Murphy participate in the 2012 Earth Day park clean up. This year's Earth Day clean up is April 19, with a second event scheduled for Saturday, April 26.

Friends of Carondelet Park and HHIA will sponsor two park clean-up/ planting events in April. Saturday, April 19 is the annual park clean-up to mark Earth Day, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the playground. The following Saturday, April 26, will feature both a litter clean-up and planting/bed clean up, starting at 9 a.m. at the playground. Bring gloves, buckets (way easier to use than trash bags) and garden tools if you have them; some will be available for loan. Kids are encouraged to participate in both events and service hours are available.

Check out the January HHIA Neighborhood meeting minutes starting on page 7 to learn what SLMPD Chief Sam Dotson and 1st District Captain Dan Howard have to say about:

How redistricting will affect Holly Hills

Crime in Holly Hills vs. St. Louis Hills and
Crime in St. Louis compared to other cities

When to call the police

MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT

Three sure signs of spring are afoot in Holly Hills. The Tuesday night bike races have started in the park, our annual spring park clean-up is on the calendar for April 19, along with a second event on April 26 and it's time to reserve your bed in the Community Garden.

I strive to be a glass-half-full kind of person, which is a lot easier as a Holly Hills resident. I look out my window and walk around the neighborhood and see beauty everywhere. And in the last few weeks I've seen three examples of all the wonderful people working hard to make our neighborhood a better place.

First, I met with members of Epiphany Lutheran including Rich Berg, whose father helped found the congregation and build the church. They invited me to meet with them to discuss how the church and HHIA can partner to make our neighborhood an even better place to live.

Then, I got a tour of Woerner Elementary from Principal Peggy Meyer. Woerner is a beautiful light-filled building and Peggy and her staff obviously care a great deal for the 300 kids who go there. Their innovative single-gender classrooms are helping kids succeed.

On Ash Wednesday, I attended the St. Stephen's Lenten fish fry. It never ceases to amaze me the number of folks who come together to make the tasty fish tacos and macaroni and cheese bites happen in support of the church's mission.

I hope you'll join me in raising a totally full glass to the blessings we enjoy here in Holly Hills.

~ Stacy Ross

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Go to hollyhills.info and click on "Membership." In addition, we're accepting credit cards for payment at neighborhood meetings. Now it's easier than ever to support your neighborhood!



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4059 Toenges	\$75,000 (UC)	5945 Coronado	\$199,900
3846 Burgen.....	\$82,000 (UC)	4134 Federer	\$214,900
4084 Fillmore	\$99,000	6120 Leona.....	\$215,000
4080 Concordia	\$105,000	4064 Federer	\$229,900 (UC)
3999 Dover	\$105,000 (UC)		
5658 Arendes.....	\$109,900 (UC)		
3908 Burgen.....	\$109,000		
4162 Federer	\$111,900 (UC)		
4150 Bates	\$117,900		
3844 Bates	\$119,900		
6131 Dewey.....	\$123,000		
4115 Bowen	\$123,500		
3833 Dover	\$125,000		
3975 Wilmington ...	\$145,000 (UC)		
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RESERVE YOUR GARDEN PLOT NOW!

Another sure sign of spring – it's time to reserve your spot in the Community Garden at Bates and Arendes.

The plots are just \$25 for the season for HHIA members and offer an opportunity to plant your own veggies and commune with nature and your neighbors. Don't want your own plot but still want to play in the dirt? Volunteer to help out with the beds reserved for growing vegetables to be donated to the local food pantry.

Contact garden manager Hannah Erlich at garden@hollyhills.info.



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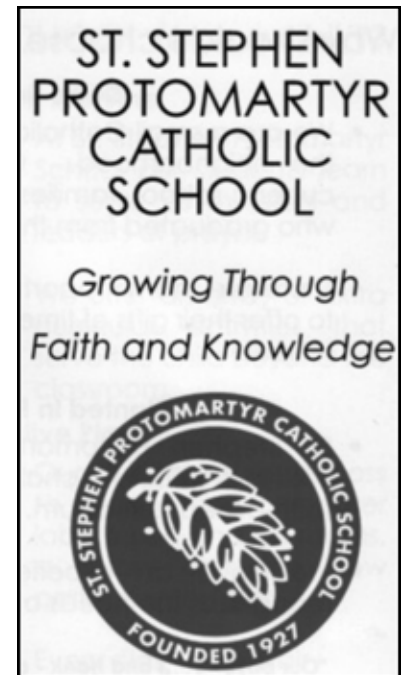


CARONDELET PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY FEBRUARY 4, 2014

No official action was taken as there was no quorum.

Upcoming projects for spring and summer 2014 to be paid for from bond money:

- Restore tennis courts including upgrading restrooms to be ADA compliant, replace surface, fence and walkway to parking lot
- Replacement bleachers for ball fields are in design stage - will be ADA compliant
- Reroof and repaint music pavilion on east side of park (also known as large picnic pavilion, different from band stand)
- Reseal deck of boathouse and repair lower level ceiling
- Current maintenance building will be mothballed for the time being, once maintenance operation moves to former dog pound on Gasconade



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SPRING IS HERE ... AND SO ARE THE BIKE RACES

It's a sure sign of spring – our clocks spring forward, closely followed by the start of the Tuesday night bike races in Carondelet Park, officially known as the Vann Knight Tuesday Night World Championship Criterium Training Series. The races have been named after Vann Knight, who founded the Tuesday series and passed away suddenly last year.

"Vann Knight was a very kind guy who loved bike racing and made sure that there were opportunities for others to discover the sport locally," said Mike Weiss of Big Shark Bicycle Company, which sponsors the races. "The Vann Knight Tuesday Night Criterium Racing Series carries on his legacy."



The Vann Knight Tuesday Night World Championship Criterium Training Series resumed in Carondelet Park on March 11 and runs through Aug. 26.

The races began on March 11 and will run through Aug. 26. Criterium racing is a mass start bicycle racing format that is popular in America, especially in the Midwest. It is good for improving speed, tactics, positioning, handling and fitness. Each race lasts a specified duration plus three laps with the last and final lap signaled by the ringing of a bell.

Big Shark will be hosting an Intro to Racing Clinic on Tuesday April 8th and 15th at Carondelet Park. Targeted participants for the clinic are those with little or no race experience, who have a desire to improve skill, tactics and work on individual/team skills in a practice race.

Clinic Cost: \$10. Simply show up and pay on site.

Questions may be directed to mike@bigshark.com.

In addition, Carondelet Park will be the setting of one race in Big Shark's "Tour of St. Louis" on Sunday, March 23. Registration for the Carondelicious Criterium, the third event in the weekend series, begins at 7:30 a.m.

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HHIA MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 27, 2014

Roll Call: Stacy Ross – President, Ted Disabato, Beth Murphy – Treasurer, Anna Baldwin, Tara Ohler-Jenney. Rest of board members are sick.

Thank you Marilyn Bennett for coming to help when we called. New flags – large and small, T-shirts and member – only stickers for sale tonight.

HHIA is excited to have Police Chief Sam Dotson here on first day of the new six-district city police department.

Guest Speaker – SLMPD Chief Sam Dotson: He got job in Jan.

2013 and quickly looked at district imbalance. First district – busiest in city – 90,000 call difference between 1st district and slowest district. Too busy to do everything.

Officers should spend 1/3 of time on radio calls, 1/3 of time arresting, writing police reports, administrative duties, education, etc., and 1/3 of time on self-initiated activity when officers can get out and do proactive things to make city safer.

They did not have time for the last 1/3, so they looked at data to see the work they really had. Then created 6 districts – balanced calls

for service, crime and number of police officers – essentially the same in each of the 6. Hot-spot policing: not a program but the way they do business every day.

UMSL professor Rick Rosenfeld: embedded with the department. He said random patrols do not make people feel safe the way hot spot policing does. Staffed day and night watch and then remaining 27 officers do not answer radio calls but only do exactly what captain tells them. They address specific problems that the area has.

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DELIBERATELY MISDIALED PHONE NUMBERS GENERATE ILLEGAL INCOME FOR SCAMMERS

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.IC3.gov) is a division of the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On Feb.13, IC3 issued a public service announcement warning of a scam which uses automated "spoofing software" and "call generators" to send telephone calls to a high volume of United States cell phone numbers. Typically, the phone will only ring once.

The recipient's caller ID feature shows the call apparently originated from a high cost international number, often starting with an area code beginning with the numeral "8."

The cell phone recipient calls back the number, believing he or she has missed an important message, and is greeted with a message stating "Hello, you have reached the operator, please hold." The longer the caller stays

on the line, the more income is generated for the originator of the call.

How does this scam work? Recipients do not realize they are calling an international number and they will be billed for the international call which they have initiated to respond to the original false message. Recipients of these calls incur no charges for having received such a phone call.

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CHANGE TO BRIGHTSIDE BLITZ DAYS

Brightside St. Louis, formerly Operation Brightside, will no longer sponsor a single designated spring blitz day, but instead will allow neighborhoods to select and plan their own blitz events with Brightside support.

If you are interested in participating in a neighborhood-wide clean-up event, please contact HHIA at hhia@hollyhills.info.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Did you know you can recycle your old electronics – in fact, almost anything with a cord – at the city's Recycling Center, 1660 S. Kingshighway, next to the Water Division?

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SWAT and other higher level resources are then available for every district to address higher level problems.

Today at 4 a.m. they threw the switch and nothing went wrong. Computer programs were switched and all was fine - 870 officers doing the policing – started arriving at 7a.m. and everything went well.

Total crime down 5.4% from previous year. Violent crime down over 10%. Since 2006 city crime almost down 50%. City continually getting safer. Safest city has been since 1970s. Media makes things bigger.

Rosenfeld says we should look at crimes per 1,000 people NOT total crime. The city is moving towards being safer, it's the perception of crime we're all dealing with.

County police chief and Dotson are talking about combining crime statistics because it will enable St. Louis to compete with other cities.

City of St. Louis is 62 square miles and KC is 128 square miles. How can you compare urban core (STL) with urban core + inner ring + suburbs.

Charlotte/Mecklenburg, North Carolina – company moving from there to here. Wells Fargo brought over 800 families to STL for jobs from there after CEO convinced them that the urban crime numbers were not an accurate picture.

If you put ALL of St. Louis County with the City we drop to 141 on cities with worst crime. City people go to county to do things and county people come to city to do things – we do not look at the boundaries, only these statistics people do. Reducing crime is No. 1 goal, talk about perception of crime vs. reality, and St. Louis is a region and should be viewed as a region.

Chief says he gets criticized for putting crimes in context – he thinks there needs to be an explanation. There are innocent murder victims, but most often they are criminals who have crime lifestyles and are

engaged with other criminals in crime.

SLMPD makes 27,000-30,000 arrests per year. Almost 70% recidivism rate among armed criminals who get out on probation. We need 15-20 year solutions, not 1-2 year solutions that politicians want for election cycles. We need to have conversations on a broader level and stop the feeder crimes that lead to greater crimes later.

Case of convicted felon – 5 times probation – had assault rifle while on probation and shot at 2 police officers. Was in jail more than 2 years waiting for trial. Judge Calea Stovall-Reid gave him time served.

So Chief and 16 other officers went to probation revocation hearing with different judge who tried to shoo the officers out of the courtroom. Bailiff told them "Judge doesn't want to feel you are pressuring a decision." They left, but judge ended up doing right thing and revoking probation.


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We have more than 6 captains in the SLMPD, so some had to be reassigned, but not 1st District Captain Dan Howard – Chief says he truly is one of the very best.

First District Captain Dan Howard:

First District officers have been asked to do a lot over Howard's 4 years in 1st district. First district citizens and officers win with new redistricting plan. Holly Hills residents will get to know our beat officers – they get to stay on their beats – the call it beat integrity – they'll get to know the streets, what cars are supposed to be in an alley, know the business owners.

Howard had 16 officers this morning waiting on him (and now will be every day) and he gets to tell them what to do for that day or week – they will not have a beat, those 16. Permanently assigned night watch officers – they address hot spots. They'll be in Holly Hills and Carondelet tonight with this upsurge in car break-ins right now.

Question: Any plans to put officers

on bikes? No, but foot beat and ATV in the park will be starting.

Police department is taking over park rangers on July 1st and then they'll be telling them what to do and when, so there may be changes coming. Officer Reese on foot beat on South Grand, been there for about 3 months.

Question: Do we call cops on car break-in when there's nothing to do and too small to claim on insurance? ALWAYS call and report it, then it is on their beat map and on their statistics.

Question: Problem properties? If you're asking the question whether to call the cops then you should call the cops and let them decide if it's important. Non-emergency number is 231.1212 – if not enough for 911 call this number.

Question: Noise violations? Call police – we have a way to measure the decibel level to see if it's too loud.

Question: Positive comment – Walking with friend last year,

suspicious car driving, called cops and gave license plate, and within 2 or 3 minutes there were 2 police cars driving around the school where they saw suspicious car.

Neighborhood Liaison Officer Stephen Wilson:

Works directly for the captain – he is liaison officer with Officer Tom Melachek. Email him and he'll nip the problem in the bud. Let him go make contact with offending party. Email him spwilson@slmpd.org with any issues. If you have a neighborhood issue, send him email with address, specifics, etc. and he'll reply after he sees what he can do. He's assigned to Holly Hills, Bevo, Princeton and Boulevard Heights.

Question: New to neighborhood, lived in STL Hills, perception that St. Louis Hills is safer neighborhood, tells people Holly Hills is where she moved and people say Oh. Captain Howard says reality is that St. Louis Hills and Holly Hills are EXTREMELY similar. Recently ZERO units of crime in Holly Hills and
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However, when their curiosity is piqued and they initiate a return call, they are liable for the charge. Once they are on the line, the original caller needs only to trick the cell phone owner into staying on the line to generate profits. Rates in these countries, typically Anguilla, Antigua, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat and others, are much higher than phone rates in the United States.

These countries' phone numbers are part of the North American Phone Numbering Plan, and do not require the international designator "011" to be dialed as with other international calls.

Thus, North Americans assume they are direct dialing long distance calls and are unaware of the international rates until their phone bill arrives weeks later.


Many businesses that provide their employees with cell phones also become victims as their employees use the company-provided cell phone to return the calls. In order to avoid becoming the victim of this scam, do not directly dial or initiate a return call to numbers you do not recognize, particularly if the call stopped after one ring. Remember you will not be charged for having received such a call. Once you initiate a return call, however, you will be charged for initiating the call and any subsequent time

you stay on the phone.

Companies not doing business in this area of the world may wish to further insulate themselves by blocking the area codes of the above countries to avoid this scam.

The Circuit Attorney's Fraud Prevention Task Force aims to give St. Louisans the tools and education to protect themselves against fraud, theft and scams. If you believe you have been targeted by a scam, want more information on how to protect yourself from fraud or would like to request a fraud prevention seminar for your organizations, neighborhood or office, call the hotline at 314-612-1412.

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NINI HARRIS SPEAKING AT REC PLEX SPEAKER SERIES

Local historian Ni Ni Harris will present a program on the unique character of the Carondelet and Holly Hills neighborhoods and Carondelet Park on April 9, at 7 p.m. at the Carondelet Park Rec Complex, 930 Holly Hills Ave. The

lecture is open to YMCA members and neighborhood residents.

Harris has published books on Holly Hills and other St Louis neighborhoods and topics. Her newest book is "A Most Unsettled

State: First Person Accounts of St Louis in the Civil War." This is the first in a speakers series sponsored by the Carondelet Y Service Club. Contact Ruth Deelo, Carondelet Y Service Club with questions 314-952-6678.

THE LATEST ON THE HOLLYHILLS_STL TWITTER FEED

March 5

Retweeted by Holly Hills, StL, MO
Carondelet Park @CarondeletPark
Apparently wood ducks are somewhat uncommon in Carondelet Park, but there was one in Horseshoe Lake today! pic.
twitter.com/IQMAqIUecv

January 31

Retweeted by Holly Hills, StL, MO
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thanks @fredwessels for 29 years of service to the City of St. Louis.
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January 27

Retweeted by Holly Hills, StL, MO
Chief Sam Dotson @ChiefSLMPD
A good crowd at the Holly Hills Improvement Association meeting. With @SLMPD @CaptainDan301 talking redistricting. pic.twitter.com/iMM4s3CRU2

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St. Louis Hills did not have that. It's all perception. The two neighborhoods are nearly identical.

13th Ward Alderman Fred Wessels:

This Friday will be his last meeting as an alderman and his last day as an alderman. He'll be director of Community Development for City. He wants to thank all you folks who voted for me and elected me since 1985.

This job has always been fun, gets a lot of satisfaction out of it and enjoyment. It was not an easy decision. It'll be a challenge and interesting. The Mayor asked me to do it and I'll be starting there next Monday and I've been volunteering there about last 3 weeks spending most mornings there.

Special election April 29th to fill seat. Dem and Rep parties will choose candidates. Beth Murphy committeewoman for a number of years is running for alderwoman and it's likely she'll be Democratic

nominee. Whoever wins on April 29 will be required to run again in March and April of 2015 and again in March and April of 2017 for a full four-year term. That's the law and that's the way it is.

Question: Who do we call for issues in meantime? Fred says call me or call NSO Chris Howard. Fred will try to fill the void until new alderperson.

Community Development department receives funds from federal government - Community Development block grant funds. Carondelet Community Betterment Federation gets these funds - support Bevo and Dutchtown south. Provide funding for social services and housing initiatives. Work done on 4700 block of South Spring Ave. was Community Development funding - went into renovating old apartment buildings - \$12 million. That is affordable housing for working folks, NOT Section 8.

Carondelet Park - going to be spending some money again this year there - revamping the


tennis courts - will be resurfaced and new fence, new net and poles on courts, pretty complete renovation will be done sometime during the construction season this year. Other park work but that's the most costly.

Question: Since you're talking about the park, what about a dog park? Fred says we, the city, don't do dog parks, but we have an ordinance that allows people to get together and do a dog park. There's an ordinance that outlines the steps that need to be taken to establish a dog park. Give him your info and he'll get you the info. Stacy Ross says she can connect you with the Wilmore Park dog park people.

13th Ward NSO Chris Howard:

Assigned to Holly Hills for about 1 year, but doing this for 25 years. Call him about any kind of issue that you might want to call the alderman about, he'll deal with it and talk with Alderman if more is needed. The lady with neighbor noise, she could contact you about the noise? Yes, and he

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frequently writes a letter to the property owners about the issue. He says the City sends legal letters, very precise, aldermen send these, too. And that is what NSO likes to send as well – very precise. He tries to resolve matters. He tells people he deals with everything from potholes to prostitutes. Deals with drug houses, nuisance properties, goal is to resolve issues to make the neighborhood a better place. Broken window theory—one broken window, if you don't fix it you'll get more, so fix it so you don't get more.

NSO has \$13 car club for sale

– \$35 at Walmart so buy it from city NSO office. He delivers, too! He loves working in this ward and neighborhood, sorry to be losing Alerman Wessels. Very, very pleased to be in Holly Hills after all the neighborhoods he's worked in. His phone number: 314.657.1366 Gold Saturn Vue is his car if you see it cruising around.

Comment: Guys drag racing in the park and down Holly Hills Blvd. in the middle of the night. Stacy Ross said we must tell the police officers – if we don't tell them there's a problem, they won't know and they won't come around – this is what the officers tell us, so we must report it. Give

as many specifics as you can.

Chris Howard said talk with him about any specific projects we want to work on. Majority of his area, 13th Ward, is in Holly Hills.

Announcements

New flags, tees, stickers for members on sale.

Thank you to Norb Butz and Marine Corps League – HHIA meeting and social event in November at their facility was very nice – talking about making it a tradition and doing it every November.


Meeting Adjourned

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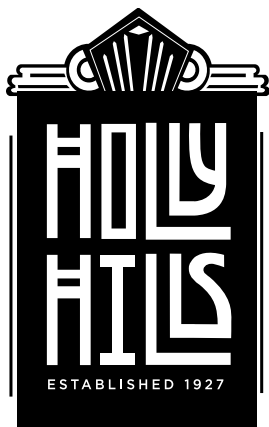


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