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May/June 2007

Holly Hills Happenings

HOLLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HHIA)

Grand to Morganford ♡ Bates to Loughborough

Next Meeting

Mon., June 4 • 7:30 p.m.

June 4th, Guest Speaker
St. Louis City Parks Commissioner
Dan Skillman will provide
an update on the community
center to be constructed in
Carondelet Park.

Meeting Schedule

Mon., July 23	General Meeting
Mon., Sept. 24	General Meeting
Mon., Nov. 26	General Meeting

To receive notices of upcoming clean-ups and other neighborhood events send your e-mail address to the Holly Hills e-mail list at: HollyHillsNeighborhoodssubscribe@yahoo.com or contact Stacy Ross at 481-7677.

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Success for Celebrate Carondelet Park Day

More than 50 kids and adults scoured Carondelet Park on a sunny Saturday morning and found trash, trash and more trash. They picked up piles of fast-food cups and wrappers, soda cans and bottles, and the ubiquitous cigarette butts. More unexpected were a tire, an old VCR and metal rods of indeterminate origin.

"I am very gratified at the tremendous turnout," said Jim Ross, who spear-headed the clean-up on April 21. "I hope it raises awareness and in the future when people are walking through the park, first, they'll stop and think before they litter, and second, maybe more people will pick up trash they see in the park."

The clean-up was just the first event in a fun-filled day of hot-dogs and lemonade, live music and a recycling fair, all a part of Celebrate Carondelet Day. An estimated 300 people attended throughout the day. One of the first was Mayor Francis Slay who showed up to encourage the volunteers as the clean-up was getting started. Later in the day, State Rep. Tom Villa stopped by.

The Earth Day Eve event was organized by members of HHIA's Keep Holly Hills Beautiful Committee, in partnership with Friends of Carondelet Park. In addition to Jim Ross, committee members included: Carolyn Bellers, Nancy Economon, Tara Ohler-Jenney, Ann Repetto, Lisa Roth, Paul Sager, Heather Seitsinger and Audrey Weast, with help from Friends of Carondelet Park members Monica Groth-Farrar and Megan Everding. The event was a kick-off to the

committee's neighborhood clean-up, litter reduction and recycling initiative.

"Our first goal is to raise awareness and get people to quit trashing the park," said committee chair Stacy Ross. "We are going to investigate strategies to

educate people about reasons not to litter."

In addition, the committee plans to sponsor regular park clean-ups.

"There are studies that show litter begets litter," Stacy Ross said. "That is, when people see litter on the ground they are more likely to litter themselves, so we want to keep it in check."



CARONDELET PARK CONCERT SERIES

Sunday Evenings, 6 - 8 pm in the park bandstand

June 3 Urban Blues	July 1 Poor People of Paris	August 5 Kevin Mitchell Four
June 10 Erin Bode	July 8 Gateway City Big Band	August 12 Waterloo German Band
June 17 Lucky Shy	July 15 St. Louis Ragtimers	August 19 Cornet Chop Suey
June 24 Fanfare	July 22 Mystic Voyage	
	July 29 Mitzel MacDonald	

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From Our Association President...

Greetings Neighbors!

This column represents my last as President of the Holly Hills Improvement Association. I was honored to serve in this role and am very excited about the future of Holly Hills and the future of this organization.

Over the past two years we've continued the Holly Hills 5K run, held a house tour, and had a spring festival in Carondelet Park. Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers who helped make these events successful.

We've also begun work on

the Holly Hills Community Garden, transforming what had been a construction site for the past several years into what we hope will be a beautiful entry into our neighborhood.

This is an outstanding neighborhood and we should all be proud of its history and potential. I am confident that the our new President, Dee McAliney and our Incoming board members (Tara Ohler-Jenney and Stacy Ross) will do an outstanding job.

I'd also like to say thank you to those board members

stepping down: Joe Rusch, Lisa Roth, Monica Groth-Farrar, and Mary Jo Gordon. Your contributions over the years to this organization and our neighborhood have been significant and you will be missed!

Finally, I hope you will all contribute to the neighborhood in any way you can to continue making this such a great place to live.

Dan Haag,
HHIA President, 2005-2007

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One-year, household membership \$10 / Business membership \$25

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SOUTHSIDE HAPPENINGS

NEW HHIA PRESIDENT

With the general meeting on June 4th Dee McAliney will be taking over as Holly Hills Improvement Association President. Dee is a native St. Louisan, born on the near North side, lived in West County and Southwest County and finally discovered South St. Louis. She has been a resident of Holly Hills for 5 years and loves the neighborhood. She has three children and seven grandchildren. Michael, her oldest, and Marianne, her youngest, live in Durango, Colorado with their families. Megan and her family live right here in Holly Hills. Dee has a small business of one – she paints and hangs wallpaper, a very satisfying occupation because as she says, she likes to make things pretty. Her leisure time is spent gardening and making quilts and enjoying her membership in Toastmasters. She is looking forward to her commitment to the HHIA because she knows that time and energy spent in improving the neighborhood will benefit everyone who lives here.

FLORA CONSERVANCY UPDATE


The Flora Conservancy will continue to plant the Boathouse this Spring with the hopes of the entire design being completed this fall. The Boathouse will also be painted this summer, so look for exciting changes at our park's centerpiece.

HOLLY HILLS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Work began on the Holly Hills Community Garden at the intersection of Bates & Arendes on March 31st. We had many volunteers that morning and constructed 12 raised gardening beds using the materials provided by a Gateway Greening grant. Since then, two additional beds have been constructed and we have plans to build two larger perennial beds in the next couple of weeks. We'll also be planting more shrubs and trees around the site to make this a spot that everyone in the neighborhood can be proud of. Many thanks go out to Mark Groth, Tim Bolt and all of the other volunteers who are helping to make this garden a reality.

11TH WARD NEWS FROM MATT VILLA

The City and a potential developer are still waiting for the Court to determine an acquisition price for 6340 S. Grand. The plan would be to upgrade the 1st floor retail spaces and gut rehab the residential apartments. The future of the project depends on the price set by the Court. If the acquisition price is too high, the developer will not move forward on the project. Construction at Loughborough Commons continues with the sidewalks and the outparcel near Grand and Loughborough on target to be completed by August 1, 2007. Construction will begin soon on the outparcel next to Schnucks with a completion date set for October 1, 2007.



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