



Holly Hills Happenings

HOLLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HHIA)

Grand to Morganford and Bates to Loughborough

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Movies Scheduled for June 25 and September 17

NEXT MEETING

May 23

7:00 p.m.

**Representative of
St. Louis Circuit
Attorney's Office
discussing crimes
against children
and
Representatives from
City Catholic
Collaborative discussing
school options**

The Holly Hills Improvement Association will sponsor two movies in Carondelet Park this summer.

- **June 25 DreamWorks' *Megamind*,**

featuring the voices of Will Ferrell as the villainous title character and Tina Fey

- **September 17 Disney's *Tangled*,** a retelling of the fairy tale

Rapunzel with the voice of Mandy Moore



HHIA will present Dreamworks' Megamind on June 25

"Turn-out has increased with each movie we've shown, an indication that these are really entertaining events for kids and adults."

HHIA will sell ads to help defray the cost of the movies which is more than \$500 for each movie, including equipment rental and licensing fees.

Pricing for ads is as follows: **one movie-\$65, or both movies for the discounted rate of \$120.**

Ads will begin showing on the big screen 30 minutes before the movie begins and appear on the screen a minimum of 10 times. In addition, ads will also be posted to the website, www.hollyhills.info in the movie night section with a link to the advertiser's website, if applicable. The cost of the ad may be tax de-

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The movies will start at dusk, with festivities beginning about 8 p.m. for the June show and earlier for the September show (stay tuned for more details).

"We selected fun, family-friendly movies," said HHIA President Tara Ohler-Jenney.

Mehlville Students Clean Carondelet Park

Thirteen students from Mehlville's Beasley Elementary Service Club and their parents braved chilly, rainy weather for the annual Carondelet Park Earth Day clean up on April 16. Several of the students were Girl Scouts who went on to participate in the April Showers program later that day.

Only five Holly Hills residents showed up for the clean-up, including Ben McClusky, a teacher at Beasley and one of the Service Club sponsors, Lutheran South sophomore Nathan Frazer, HHIA President Tara Ohler-

Jenney and clean-up organizers Stacy and Jim Ross.

"We are delighted to have the students from Beasley participate for the fourth year," said Ohler-Jenney. "It's a shame that we can't get more of our own residents out to take care of the park."

"If anyone has any ideas on how to get more folks involved, please let us know," Ohler-Jenney said.

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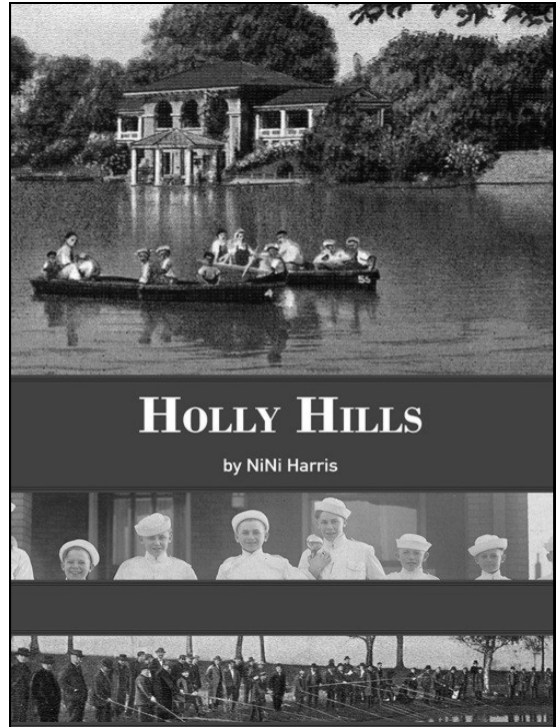
A message from the president...

Neighbors have many reasons to be out and about in Holly Hills this spring after a frigid winter; and I encourage you to connect with your neighbors. After a number of car and home break-ins in recent weeks, we are reminded how important it is to know our neighbors, to look out for each other and to take steps to be as safe and secure as possible. If you're working in your yard, you might offer a neighbor part of a plant you're dividing or offer to help someone in need, particularly our seniors. When taking in beautiful Carondelet Park and the scenic drives, notice the lovely blooming plants, most recently those added to the giant pots on Grand by our unofficial neighborhood gardener, Tim Bolt and his volunteers. A big thank you to members of Beasley Elementary's Service Club in the Mehlville School District who participated in the park clean-up on April 16. Let's hope for better weather and a bigger neighbor turnout for the next clean-up—stay tuned for the date. Even taking out the recycling is pleasant, and easier than ever, now that we have the big, blue recycling bins in our alleys. As you move through a day in the neighborhood, please take note of anything unusual or suspicious and talk with the neighbor whose property is involved and/or call the police. If you'd like to form an official neighborhood watch, contact your Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO). Important phone numbers are listed below and on our website. Finally, please join neighbors old and new on Saturday evening, June 25 at the bandstand for HHIA's outdoor showing of the animated film *Megamind* by Dreamworks.

- Tara Ohler-Jenney

Numbers to Know!

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Holly Hills, the book, profiling the history, architecture, parks and personalities of the Holly Hills neighborhood. Written by St. Louis historian NiNi Harris and published by Reedy Press. Available for \$19.50 by calling 314-752-2304.

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Holly Hills Real Estate

courtesy of Paul Sager

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4127 Bowen \$37,600 (UC)
 4117 Wilmington \$39,900 (UC)
 4143 Burgen \$39,900
 4111 Wilmington \$44,880
 4132 Concordia \$50,000 (UC)
 5660 Arendes \$54,900 (UC)
 3862 Bates \$59,900
 4157 Concordia \$59,900
 4150 Fillmore \$66,900
 5805 Dewey \$72,000 (UC)
 6125 Newport \$76,500
 4096 Concordia \$76,900
 4146 Burgen \$79,900
 4153 Fillmore \$89,900
 6012 Leona \$111,900
 6111 Adkins \$114,000
 4085 Concordia \$114,900
 4160 Fillmore \$119,900
 5713 Leona \$119,900
 3655 Fillmore \$134,900
 6131 Ray \$139,900 (UC)
 3999 Dover \$140,000
 5632 Arendes \$143,500
 5705 Dewey \$144,900
 5627 Dewey \$149,900
 3833 Dover \$149,900
 3681 Bellerive \$149,900
 3618 Bowen \$149,900 (UC)
 3660 Wilmington \$150,000 (UC)
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 4022 Bates \$154,000
 3632 Wilmington \$159,900
 6111 Dewey \$159,900
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 3915 Dover \$175,000
 3640 Wilmington \$179,000
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 4058 Bates \$189,900
 3971 Dover \$195,000
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 3924-28 Wilmington \$200,000
 4015 Dover \$205,000

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 4055 Alma \$224,900
 6120 Leona \$224,999
 6110 Arendes \$239,900 (UC)
 4074 Holly Hills \$249,900
 3984 Dover \$249,900
 3953 Dover \$250,000
 3975 Federer \$289,900 (UC)
 4117 Alma \$299,900 (UC)

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5907 Leona \$43,250
 3651 Fillmore \$52,000
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HHIA General Membership Meeting Minutes for March 28

Roll Call: Tara Ohler, Beth Murphy, Brenda Smarko, Anna Baldwin

Not Present: Stacy Ross, Paul Sager

Kendal Dauphin and Ted Disabato introduced themselves and were voted in as members at large

Community Outreach Officer Report: (visiting officer from Dutchtown).

Promoting "Old school community policing." Spoke about Dutchtown and Lafayette Square

Crime Victim Advocacy Committee- Call and speak to victims to communicate with victims. Mobile patrols – 18 members, weekend class for potential people. Two people that ride neighborhood to look out – type things up on form if they see suspicious activity. Give to police to follow up on.

Guest Speaker – Mayor Francis Slay

Prop E April 5. Mayor expressed how

devastating it would be if prop E did not pass. \$8 to \$10 million shortfall with earnings tax in place. Would be compounded if not in place.

The mayor took questions from the audience.

Q: Recycling Dumpsters: Are Dumpsters beneficial?

A: Mayor Yes. It takes time to get used to, but is working. Saves landfill costs and is environmentally responsible.

Q. How long has the earnings tax been in effect and how long

A. Since 1949 at smaller percentage, 1950's 1%. Disadvantage for people/companies that are considering moving in the city.

Q: Convention Center – They don't have to pay earnings tax on it (e.g. shows)

A: Mayor offered to get more info on the details of the convention center

rules.

Q: Who is regulating private dumpsters? Overflowing.

A: People can opt out of city program and can find a private hauler. Contact Refuse Dept. (monitoring who opts out) or Citizens Service Bureau if they are not maintained.

Q: People whose cars not registered in city (plates). Living in city, working in county, or living in city and do not have car registered in city.

A: It is hard to police it, but city would like to know if people are avoiding taxes. Have to take up with Greg Daly's office.

Q: New construction in South Grand area, who is paying for it?

A: Been planned for a long time. South Grand Community Improvement District planned early on in mayors administration. Stimulus

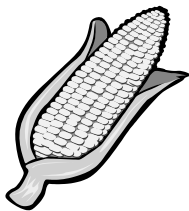
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Memorial Day Grilled Corn Salsa

I love to eat *and* cook! My friends and I take turns hosting monthly dinners at each other's homes and it is a great way to share recipes and catch up on what has been happening in each of our busy lives. Time goes by fast, and if you don't sit down and enjoy it once and a while, you may miss it. I have decided to share some of my favorite recipes with you in each HHIA newsletter.

This recipe is one that we have enjoyed at many back yard barbecues and it is a staple on our summer camping trips. It is also great to serve or bring as a side to your Memorial Day celebration because as it is a little different than the usual barbecue side dishes. It is my good friend Shannon Keaveny's recipe. Please enjoy!

- Kendal Dauphin



Ingredients

3 ears of corn on the cob, husks removed

1 red bell pepper, quartered and seeded

2-3 jalapenos, halved and seeded

1 medium onion, cut into wedges from top to root

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro or parsley

1 tablespoon lime juice

1 tablespoon honey

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Tortilla chips

Instructions

Brush corn, bell peppers, jalapenos, and onions with olive oil. Grill over medium heat turning occasionally until lightly charred and tender, about 6-10 minutes. Cool slightly.

Cut kernels from cob. Finely chop bell peppers, jalapenos, and onion. In medium bowl, combine veggies. Stir in remaining ingredients. Serve immediately or chill and serve later with tortilla chips.

Note: This recipe is a great way to use that leftover grilled corn on the cob from your bbq the night before. If you only have left over grilled corn, just bake the bell peppers, jalapenos, and onion in a baking dish in your oven (before baking, brush with olive oil as if you were going to grill it).

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A big thanks to Beasley students:

Ben Anthony
Amanda Barry
Evan Cornell
Nick Gastreich
Elizabeth Hansen
Hannah Harr

Kaitlyn Kirkley
Emily Kohnen
Evan McClusky
Zach Moore
Ben Pavlovsky
Madison Schmiege
Alex Schmidt

National Night Out is the first Tuesday of August every year and this year it's August 2nd. Registration is now open and I have registered my block again with the city and also with the national association and I encourage you to talk with your neighbors and do the same and have a block party. Here is the city webpage-scroll

down the webpage for the fill-in form to register: <http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-safety/neighborhood-stabilization-office/nno.cfm> And here is the national website: <http://natw.org/nno/>.

- Tara Ohler-Jenney



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money is paying for it, not city money. South Grand is a destination and has come a long way.

Q: Any chance of revising Prop E so don't have to vote every 5 years?

A: Being discussed. Long term vision

Q: City employees retirement lump sum payout

A: Lump sum (for accumulated sick leave) eliminated for city employees because costing too much. Fire Dept. suing over it. Limits have been put in place for sick leave accumulation – not vacation.

Guest Speaker

Mike Malone – Founder and Head of School for South City Prep School

New charter school opening on South Grand. Old Messiah Lutheran school 5th and 6th grade (75 each) opening this year. Free public school – just need to prove that you live in city and child is of age. Free and open until they reach capacity. College Prep School. Goal is to get kids to college. 8 – 4:30. and longer school year (longer days and yr) vs. traditional public. Focus on reading and math, then progress to strong science, etc. to focus on well-rounded individuals. Year-round school, 6 weeks on and 2 weeks off. Can go to school to register or go online. Must prove residency. May eventually go through 12th grade. Will either expand to larger location or have multiple locations.

Aldermanic Reports:

Tom Villa – acting Alderman Ward 11

Loughborough bridge should be finished mid May. Holly Hills – finished by year end

Fred Wessels:

Most employers in city want earnings tax to pass.

Cars with Illinois plates – if been there for more than six months, police may ticket it. If police don't respond, call your alderman.

Recycling bins – most people really like them - 60% of ward have them – rest should be distributed next fiscal year – July 1. This was due to budget constraints. \$100K approved for this fiscal year, rest for next.

Q: Any plans to put in more recycle bins as it catches on?

A: No plans, just wait and see.

Q: The city took the city Dumpster away due to private dumpster. Why did they take it away?

A: Took address to look into it. (Refuse Dept) May have been taken away due to recycle bin

Q: Who is in charge of trash receptacles at exit 203?

A: Highway department – transportation department

Q: Advanced Auto – They have sign stated that they can install batteries

A: Should not be installing batteries or anything according occupancy permit.

Q: Speeding issue on Morgan Ford. Thank you for addressing, but spring is here. Timing is everything – police came right after a race, but they did

not know that race happened. How effective are speed signs?

A.: Very effective. Speeds have reduced. On Morgan Ford. Between Bates and Holly Hills – move curb out to make look better and make safer. Will reduce speed. Will have turn lane.

Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Report Brian Kolde – Ward 11 NSO

Public Nuisance Ordinance can work to address any issues. Holly Hills Doesn't have a lot of these fortunately. Call police first (911 or non-emergency police) if there is a nuisance problem (e.g. noise, fights, etc.)

Two or more in six month period – property on probation. Can issue a cease and desist order. Once properties are on cease/desist order can get citations if violated. Stressed calling police and NSO to determine if there is a problem.

Private Dumpster issue – Health dept. monitors certain aspects of this (e.g. overflowing). Call Citizen's Service Bureau

Ohler-Jenney brought up anonymous letter regarding plantings at circle at intersection at Leona and Holly Hills. Encouraged letter-writer to come forward so the issue can be discussed and resolved to his or her satisfaction.

Tim Bolt, volunteer neighborhood gardener, pointed out that plantings at this intersection have been changed from previous years. In addition, individuals should pull up to the stop sign where the sight lines are clear.

Neighborhood gardening – needs volunteers to plant – parkways, please do not dump leaves, etc. to dump on parkways. Street dept. will not pick up on parkway. Blow onto street for street dept. to pick up.

Announcements

HHIA Board would like to pursue new location for neighborhood meeting at Carondelet Park Rec Plex.

Increased ad sizes for the newsletter are available.

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ductible for businesses as an advertising expense.

In addition to business ads, individuals are encouraged to place ads recognizing birthdays or other special events.

"Parents could even consider hosting a birthday or other party and bringing the group to the movie," Ohler-Jenney

said.

As in past movie presentations, HHIA will sell popcorn and soda and is looking for volunteers who can help us with set-up and sales.

To place an ad or volunteer contact Ohler-Jenney at tara@hollyhills.info or any other HHIA board member or email hhia@hollyhills.info

Holly Hills Native Shines Bright on Broadway

By Barb Russell

It is no surprise that Holly Hills native Sarah Bolt is now starring on Broadway in the new show *Sister Act The Musical*.

The stage was set long before she was conceived when her talented theatrical parents, Tim Bolt and Laura Vonder Haar, just youngsters themselves at the time, met on the stage at the Kirkwood Community Theater in *Godspell*.

Tim and Laura married soon after and three daughters later, Sarah, the oldest, began her trek to stardom. As children, the Bolt sisters would put on plays for anyone who would watch, usually family members and neighbors. Sarah would sing all day long when she was a child, Laura said.

Today, Sarah Bolt's success can be measured by the fact that her picture can be seen on taxicabs throughout New York City. (Sarah is the one on the right.)

In the Broadway musical, Bolt plays Sr. Mary Patrick, the funny and loveable nun who was played by Kathy Najimy in the movie version of *"Sister Act."* Whoopi Goldberg, who starred in the movie, is the producer of the musical.

Laura Bolt teaches theater and speech and directs three shows a year at Cor Jesu Academy, a Catholic girls high school. The Bolt girls



Holly Hills native Sarah Bolt as Sr. Mary Patrick in *Sister Act: the Musical*

have their own sister act. Katherine Bolt, the second Bolt daughter has followed in her mother's footsteps teaching theater and directing shows at Rockwood Summit High School. The youngest of the three sisters, Emily, is now living in New York City singing in a band and working at Bar Breton while waiting behind the scenes for her big break to come in the theater. Before that Emily traveled for a year with the Missoula Children's Theater production of *"The Little Red Truck."*

Sarah attended St. George Catholic grade school in Affton where Laura taught the language arts for a time. They transferred to St. Stephen Protomartyr after the Bolts moved to the Holly Hills Neighborhood when Sarah started fourth grade. Sarah went onto Cor Jesu, graduating in 1999 and then went to The University of the Arts in Philadelphia, graduating in 2003.

It wasn't until Sarah was in her junior year in high school that she decided she wanted to go into show business after playing in the shows at Cor Jesu.

Sarah's first professional job came in college when she played in *"Bat Boy The Musical"* in the 1812 Theater in Philadelphia. After graduating, Sarah played in the European tour of *"Grease,"* mostly in cities in Germany and in Amsterdam.

After her European tour, Sarah headed back to states and began auditioning in Philadelphia and New York.

Working small jobs in New York as most starving artists do while waiting for their big break, she held jobs as a nanny and a receptionist, all the while auditioning constantly.

On weekends, Sarah made the one-

hour journey via Greyhound bus to Philadelphia to perform her own one-woman show back at the 1812 Theater called *Sarah Bolt: I'm Not The Girl Next Door*.

In 2006 Sarah returned to her parents' roots when she played in *Godspell* at the Paper Mill Theater in New Jersey.

A year later, Sarah made her Off-Broadway Theater debut in *"Walmartopia"*- a musical comedy spoof of Wal-Mart. The show was a great success, running three months, before coming to New York City from Wisconsin.

In 2008, Sarah was cast in the ensemble of the Broadway show *Wicked* and was also the understudy for Madame Morrible. This gig lasted three years until the end of 2010 when she was cast in *Sister Act*.

Rehearsals began at the end of January and the show officially opened at The Broadway Theatre April 20. Between rehearsals, previews and the shows, Sarah usually works 10-12 hour days.

Sarah has been on the television including *The View* and *Good Morning America* with other members of the cast, singing songs from the musical.

"We are so proud of Sarah and thrilled for her", Laura Bolt said.

Laura and Tim just returned from a trip to see Sarah with a large group of extended family.

Sister Act The Musical is playing at the Broadway Theater, 1681 Broadway.

If you are not able to make it to New York, check out the YouTube video, *Sister Act: A Divine Musical Comedy*.

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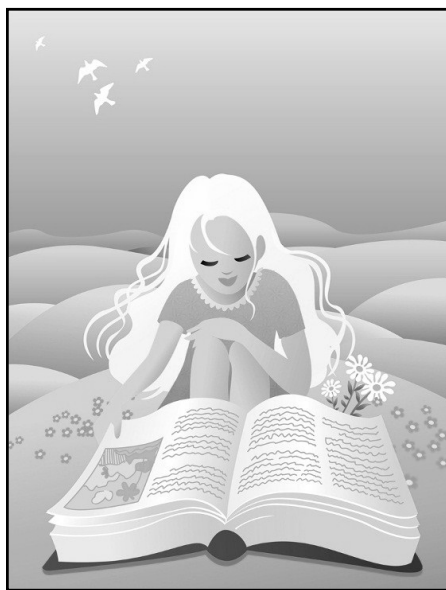
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Lowe's Gives Woerner School a Grant for a Community Reading Garden

By: Kathy Malkowski and Maria Mutascu, 5th Grade Students

Woerner students and staff are very excited about our new Community Reading Garden.

It all started when the first graders planted a vegetable garden. Later that year, Mrs. Meyer (our principal) had a staff meeting where the staff was brainstorming an innovative way to help create success in Woerner students. Since many children spend about one-third of their day watching television or playing video games, they wanted to find a way to give students more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and participate in fun outdoor activities. One of the teachers came up with a great idea for a reading garden on the large front lawn of the school. Mrs. Meyer loved the idea, and wrote a proposal to Lowe's for



a grant.

Woerner won the grant, and we are now working on the garden. We are hoping that it will be done by

the end of May. So far, volunteers from Activate Bevo (a church group) have built some picnic tables and benches in our garden. They also poured concrete slabs, and set the pillars for a gazebo. The fifth graders made glow-in-the-dark stepping stones that will be used to create a path through the garden area. The gazebo will be built by volunteers that include the husband of one of our teachers.

The school will use the garden area as an outdoor classroom. Everyone in the community is welcome to come, relax, and enjoy the garden area. We hope to see you in the new Community Reading Garden! A big thanks goes out to Lowe's, Activate Bevo, and all of the Woerner staff and families who have helped make this dream a reality!



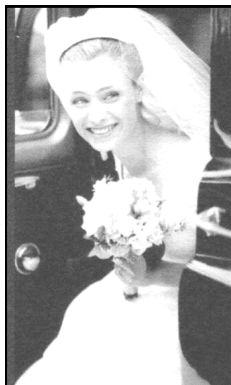
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