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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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MEGAMINDS MOVIE MAKEUP ON JUNE 9

HHIA will try, once again, to show Dream Works' Megamind, featuring the voices of Will Ferrell as the villainous title character



when the rescheduled date coincided with a Cardinal's World Series game.

last year and then

postponed again

and Tina Fey, this time on June 9 at dusk (about 8 p.m.). The movie was rained out on its original June date

"Let's cross our fingers for good weather," said HHIA's Tara Ohler-Jenney. continued on pg 9

GOOD TURNOUT FOR PARK CLEANUP

Nearly 50 people turned out to help pick up trash and weed flower beds on Saturday, April 28 for the Annual Friends of Carondelet Park Earth Day event. The group included 18 fourth- and fifth-grade students from Beasley Elementary School's Generous Jaguars service club and their parents. Holly Hills resident Ben McClusky is a teacher and one of the service club sponsors at Beasley in the Mehlville School District. This is the fourth year the Generous Jaguars have participated.

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Beasley Elementary Generous Jaguars from left: Kaitlyn Kirkley, Hannah Ireland and Brooke Frost take a break from picking up cigarette butts on the Loughborough Playground.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you read our final newsletter of the spring season, I'd like to review spring events and alert you to what will be happening this summer around the neighborhood.

The March meeting of HHIA featured a wonderful presentation by the St. Louis Public Library on the massive restoration taking place downtown at the Central branch. We also learned about the major changes at our local Carondelet branch, which is expected to open in mid-June.

A big thank you goes out to all who participated in the April 28 cleanup of Carondelet Park held in conjunction with Friends of Carondelet Park! Gorgeous weather helped to make it a pleasant and productive event. Check our website for the next cleanup date.

The May HHIA meeting will take place on Monday, May 21 at 7p.m at the Rec Plex, one week earlier than usual, since the fourth Monday is Memorial Day. The featured speaker that evening will be Mayor Slay. We hope to see you there.

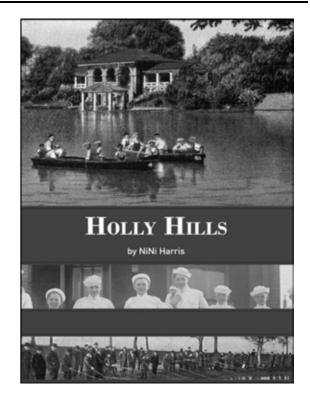
Our first movie in the park will take place on Saturday, June 9, at dusk (more info page 1). Join us at the new band stand. We'll try one more time to show *Megamind*, which was rained out last June and cancelled last October when the Cardinals made it into the World Series. Let's hope for good weather! Stay tuned for a second movie night later in the summer.

And during hot weather, please remember to check on neighbors and pets.

~ Tara Ohler-Jennev

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State Senator Robin Wright-Jones 5th District	533-8800



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 is available for \$19.50 by calling 314-752-2304.

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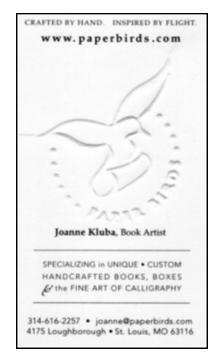
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3680 Bellerive\$179,900
3854 Bowen\$182,500
6111 Marwinette\$185,000
3935 Bowen \$185,000 (UC)
6139 Ray\$189,000
3622 Bellerive\$189,900
5935 Coronado \$190,000
4118 Alma\$192,500
3666 Fillmore \$194,500 (UC)
3644 Bates #1-4\$199,000
4144 Haven\$199,900
6120 Leona\$209,000

4074 Holly Hills	\$224,900
3984 Dover	\$229,500
4068 Toenges	\$239,900 (UC)
6240 Arendes	\$264,900
5620 Arendes	\$279,900
UC =	Under Contract

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4082 Burgen	\$22,000
4127 Bowen	\$98,000
5713 Leona	\$109,900
5907 Leona	\$110,000
3952 Dover	\$115,500
4079 Alma	\$125,000
3686 Bellerive	\$143,500
6159 Marwinette	\$200,000
Average days o	n Market: 123
Average Sales Pr	ice: \$115,487











HHIA MEETING MINUTES MARCH 26, 2012

Present: Tara Ohler-Jenney, Beth Murphy, Stacy Ross, Kendal Dauphin, Brenda Smarko, Anna Baldwin

Speaker: Pepi Pershall - St. Louis Public Library Carondelet Branch will open in June - it is now accessible to disabled persons; Downtown library - closed since June 2010. Celebrated 100th anniversary on Jan. 6. Want to be sure building is complete before the end of 2012.

History – St. Louis Public Library was created in 1865. Andrew Carnegie gave money for 2500 libraries around the world. In 1901 gave \$1 million to St. Louis to build downtown plus 6 neighborhood branches, including Carondelet.

Interesting that he chose to build libraries – has to be structurally sound – need lots of steel. It is Carnegie steel. He gave money, but he got some of it back.

Cass Gilbert selected to build central library. He also designed Art Museum and other buildings for World's Fair and US Supreme Court building.

Started work in on downtown library in 1908. Granite from Mt. Waldo, Maine. Renovation includes replacing pieces of granite with more from there.

In 1950-60s fluorescent lights added – they will be removed in renovation. Carondelet Branch – Drop ceiling taken out.

Stack tower was 7 floors. Bookcases

were steel and glass (for light) that started in foundation and all the way up the 7 floors with the floors floating around them. Not designed for fire or earthquakes so stacks had to be removed and redone.

Library offers many things besides books: Concert series at central library; 2013 Wizard of Oz exhibit. Author visits—lots of big names; Homework helpers; "Paws for Reading," Invite children in to read aloud to dogs—gives kids a chance to practice reading skills with someone who won't judge them; Staff bring books to schools, adult day care and senior living centers; 900 computers throughout the system.

Renovations is \$70 million project – \$50 m in bond financing, \$20m in fundraising (not there yet) by St. Louis Library Foundation.

Cost includes storage during renovation and moving the books. Amount of book storage – 21 miles of shelving.

The 2nd floor of the library is going to be restored back to the way it looked in 1912. All original oak furniture will be refinished and brought back. Original chandeliers. Back to tables with lights on them; 65% more space. Stack tower will now be atrium. White subway tile is original. Much grander entrance. Children's area will double in size.

Third floor of main building used to be administrative and meeting space will now be patron space.

Administrative offices moved across

the street. Will now have entrances on both sides of the building. Fine arts room – fluorescent lights removed and areas of ceiling replastered to match original.

100-year-old building needed giant coal storage area. No longer need so that space will now be 235-seat auditorium. Heating, cooling, plumbing – refurbishing to make more energy efficient. Took glass from stacks and used it in décor. Bids specificied recycling of materials. Too expensive for LEED certification due to size of building. We're trying to get it ready for the next 100 years.

Drilled through 2-foot-thick granite walls to dig underground room for technology so it wouldn't be unsightly on outside of building. Redid outside steps – numbered the stones and put them back in same order.

Special collection will now have its own room – used to be behind locked doors could only seen by appointment. Includes 4,000 year old clay tablets from Mesopotamia. Bibles from 1400s. Regional research area.

History and geneology – very extensive collections. Access to Ancestry.com for free! Go on web site and download 3 songs a week for free. Ebooks. Federal depository since 1865 for maps. "St. Louis area collection." Grants and Foundation Center currently housed at Schlafly branch will move back.

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NOTES FROM CARONDELET PARK BOARD MEETING 4/17/12

The Carondelet Park Board is the official city body that oversees park expenditures and meets quarterly at the Lyle House. Meetings are open to the public. Jim Ross represents HHIA on the board.

- New Bandstand: Problems with graffiti; Electrical service will be installed this week; CCBF is planning media event to kick off start of concert season – first concert is Bob Kuban
- Bond issue changes: Not going to initiate bonds until January

2013 so first interest payment won't be due until July, 2013, therefore, \$333,000, this year's allotment of the tax revenue (which would have otherwise gone to the bond interest payment) will be available July 1, in addition to the current \$68,000 balance; Bonds may be sold one-third at a time, meaning additional funds may be available next year.

 Holly Hills Bridge over train tracks: Estimate of \$80,000 to replace joints; bridge would be closed 45-60 days; After the railroad issues the permit, the project will be sent out for bid; Park roads are considered "private," and therefore maintained with park funds, although Street Department does do minor pothole repairs.

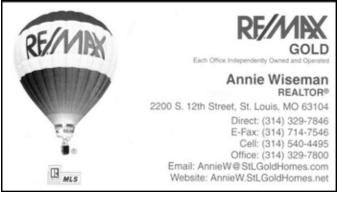
- Need to revisit park master plan and prioritize remaining projects
- Parks department is on 15-day mowing cycle.
- Next meeting: July 17 at 5 p.m.

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"We're so delighted to have the Generous Jaguars participate again this year," said Friends of Carondelet Park President Stacy Ross. "They have been our most reliable volunteers. I was so gratified to see such a great turnout from the neighborhood, too."

For more information about Friends of Carondelet Park cleanups and planting events, contact Ross at Stacy@hollyhills.info.











Library has 4.5 million books.

Officer Christopher Rumpsa Crime is down in Holly Hills 52%. It's a pretty staggering number. It's in down in Dutchtown and Bevo Mill and here. We can't take all the credit. Community involvement is the key ingredient to crime going down.

13th Ward Aldermen Fred Wessels

Green building - a lot easier to do when they're new (referring to library project). Rec Plex is a green building. He sponsored bill several years ago required that any new building in city has to be at least silver level. Proud of that.

MSD bond issue in June. MSD \$4.7 billion consent decree with EPA. Bond issue is first phase. \$945

Library continued from pg 4 million – two choices: bond issue or if bond issue doesn't pass, rates will go up. Bond issue will require interest payments.

> Rates are going to go up in July anyway. Sewer rates based on square footage, number of bathrooms etc. Current average rate \$28.70/mo - if bond issue passes will go to about \$31 in July and go up each year until 2015 topping out at \$41/month increases each July. If bond issue is rejected rates will go from \$28 to

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\$65 in July. I think it's going to take a lot longer than 10 years. I think it will take 20 years. It's not in the plan to redo the sewer system. Three huge tunnels will be going under River des Peres.

Q: Traffic lights at Morganford and Holly Hills - it seems like they're replacing them.

A: Don't think they're replacing them - adding signal that will tell you how many seconds they have. I think they must have gotten some federal money. It looks pretty expensive to me and I don't think we have money for that.

Street paving - there will be some - don't know which streets or how much money, not as many money as have had in the past.

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Call 622-4800 - Citizen's Service bureau – for tree trimmina. dumpster problem. Fred's home phone number is 353-5152.

11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa New Band Stand is finished: New doa pound still not resolved – still fighting increase in cost of building; Bandana's opted not to build in Louahborough Commons: Harris House on S. Broadway is going to expand; Jeff City contemplating a sales tax for the Arch Grounds.

Southern Funeral Home - board of adjustment denied request for rezonina. I have not heard a thina other than there seems to be a fair amount of interest in buying it until they find out how much it would cost to make it habitable again.

I'm not very good at solving the railroad whistle problem. We had a meeting and the railroad engineer's explanation is if there is a transient or a car anywhere near those tracks they're going to blow that whistle. To them it's a safety issue.

State-of-the-art industrial park in the old coke plant. They are going after some big tenants. We're really excited about that.

Another accident on northbound 55 exit to Loughborough, took out the sign - cost \$5500 - lady's insurance paid for it.

\$100,000 new screws underneath the bridge to the Rec Plex- \$100k for things we'll never see but we'll feel better when we drive across that bridge.

Charless Home on S. Broadway is unfortunately closing.

City pensions - clearly the days of defined benefit plans are over.

Whatever happens it will be litigated. The firemen have indicated that no matter what we do they're going to take us to court. It's hard to tell policeman and firemen no but the fact is their pensions are too rich and we have to do something about it.

Foodland building - they're going to cut that building in half - Planet Fitness and Family Dollar, I think a Family Dollar is going to pretty much blow up any desire to have a Dollar General. Family Dollar getting the necessary health permits to sell a lot of groceries. The owner has been pretty responsive. That building has always been a grocery store so they don't have to iump through any hoops.

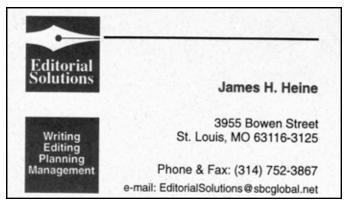
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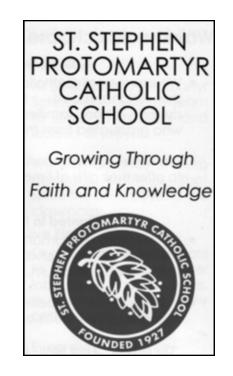
The meeting was adjourned.















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"The hockey playoffs should be over by then, so we won't have to worry about it conflicting with a Blues game."

HHIA licenses the movies shown in the park through Swank Motion Pictures Inc. In the event of a cancellation, the license allows for it to be shown within one year of the original date.

HHIA sold ads to help defray the cost of the movie which is more than \$500, including equipment rental and licensing fees and will run the ads sold last year, although additional ad space is available. Contact Tara Ohler-Jenney at

tara@hollyhills.info to place an ad.

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 are 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 deductible 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.

HHIA will hold its biannual board elections at the neighborhood meeting on May 21. All the current board members have agreed to stay on in their positions (listed on page 2). In addition, Jan Hill is running for a vacant Member-at-Large position.



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The HHIA Board endeavors to be good stewards of the dues (\$15 individual/\$25 business) you pay each year. Here's a sampling of the money we've spent and the organizations we have supported over the last year:

- Carondelet Historical Society: \$25
- Operation Brightside (paver): \$125
- Carondelet Community Betterment Federation/ Park concert series: \$250
- Friends of St. Louis Public Library: \$100
- St. Stephens (Fish Fry, Golf Tournament, Picnic Booth sponsorships): \$270

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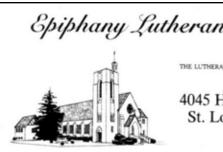
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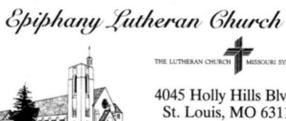
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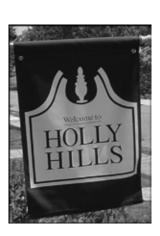






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