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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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BOARD ELECTION AND "ALL ABOUT THE **OUTDOORS" AT MAY MEETING**

The topic for the May meeting is "All about the outdoors." The meeting is Monday, May 20, a week earlier than usual, because of Memorial Day.

There are a lot of outdoor activities going on in Holly Hills and we'll explore just a few of them. The following speakers are scheduled to appear:

• Mike Weiss, owner of Big Shark Bicycle Co. - the weekly bike races in Carondelet Park

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71 VOLUNTEERS SCOUR PARK FOR EARTH DAY

A record 71 people came out to clean Carondelet Park on a crisp Saturday morning, April 20. The clean-up was the seventh annual Earth Day event. It was the fifth year that the "Generous Jaguars" from Beasley Elementary School the in Mehlville School District participated.



Three Cub Scouts from St. Stephen's Pack 104 apparently enjoyed their day picking up trash in Carondelet Park in celebration of Earth Day on April 27.

The 35 fifth graders and their parents included Holly Hills resident Ben McClusky, a music teacher in the district and the Generous Jaguars service club faculty advisor. **McClusky** also serves on the board of Friends of Carondelet Park. Another 26 Cub continued on pg 9

MAY/JUNE 2013 HOLLY HILLS HAPPENINGS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Seeing Holly Hills in the spring is what made me move to this neighborhood. And is it any wonder why? Looking out my front window I am treated to a true work of art - the brilliant green grass, soft pink tulips and cherry trees and sunny yellow daffodils and forsythia. While Tim Bolt deservedly gets the credit for much of the floral beauty of our neighborhood, there are also a number of volunteers who take on specific areas or regularly help out throughout the neighborhood. These include Kate Hastings, a former HHIA board member who regularly shows up for clean-ups and plantings, but also stages her own individual impromptu clean ups, Ted Hartzler and Ron Thenhaus and I thank you all.

We have so many unsung heroes in our neighborhood - people who regularly go out of their way to make others' lives a little better. Why not take this opportunity to thank the ones you know? There are many people who volunteer at neighborhood churches and schools or help out with organized activities like the HHIA Board (shout out to my fellow board members) and the Girl and Boy Scouts. Maybe it's your next-door-neighbor who is always ready to lend a hand with a project or problem. Often, we hear the same names over and over and of course we want to recognize these people. But is there someone you know who maybe doesn't get the recognition he or she deserves? At the very least, take the time to say thank-you yourself. Or let us at HHIA know. We'd love to recognize the neighbors among us who help make Holly Hills the kind of place where people want to live.

~ Stacy Ross

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4123 Burgen	
5648 Morganford	
4161 Concordia	
4077 Concordia	\$83,500
4116 Wilmington	\$89,900
4120 Fillmore	\$99,900
3634 Bates	\$99,900
5717 S. Grand	\$104,900
3941 Burgen\$	105,000 (UC)
4163 Wilmington	\$108,000
4151 Bowen	\$108,300
4182 Concordia	\$108,500
4072 Wilmington	\$109,500
3817 Burgen	\$110,000
3966 Burgen	\$117,900
4133 Haven	\$119,900
4077 Haven\$	119,900 (UC)
4161 Loughborough	\$119,900
4088 Concordia	\$119,900

4150 Bates	\$119,900
3999 Dover	\$125,000
4115 Bowen	\$129,900
3638 Bates	\$134,950
4112 Haven	\$135,000
3665 Fillmore	\$137,900
3939 Fillmore	. \$146,900 (UC)
3662 Wilmington	. \$149,900 (UC)
4099 Fillmore	\$159,900
5604 Arendes	. \$160,000 (UC)
3820 Dover	\$168,900
4127 Toenges	\$174,900
4144 Haven	\$189,000
4124 Alma	. \$194,500 (UC)
6141 S. Grand	
3998 Bowen	\$199,999
4084 Toenges	\$205,000
3825 Federer	. \$209,000 (UC)
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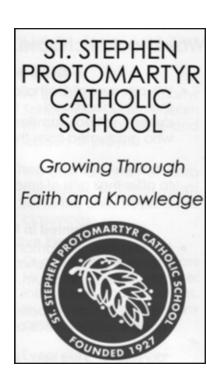
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3963 Dover	\$225,000
4064 Federer	\$249,900
6525 Leona	\$250,000
5620 Arendes	\$269,900
3860 Federer	\$350,000
3804 Federer	\$365,000
3887 Holly Hills	. \$499,000 (UC)

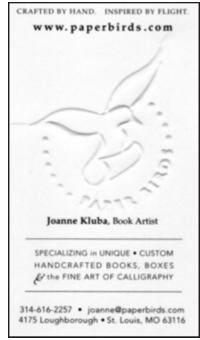
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4114	Wilmington	\$116,5	500
6111	Marwinette	\$149,5	515
6717	Alexander	\$179,9	900
5935	Coronado	\$185,0	000
3999	Holly Hills	\$315,0	000

UC = Under Contract











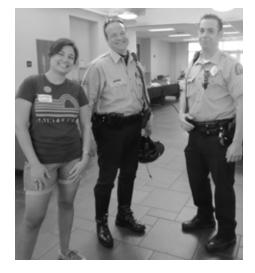


SAFETY EXPO OFFERS MANY RESOURCES, FEW VISITORS

In response to neighborhood concern about burglaries in January, HHIA sponsored a Safety Expo on April 9, in partnership with the Carondelet Park Rec Plex.

"Unfortunately, we scheduled the expo on what turned out to be the first really nice day of the year, so turn-out was disappointing," said HHIA President Stacy Ross. "We had hoped to have it in late February or early March, but we needed time to put it together and this was the first date that worked for both HHIA and the Rec Plex."

The police department offered license plate locks, aun locks and



HHIA Recording Secretary Kendal Dauphin, left, shares a laugh with St. Louis Police officers Keith Novara (center) and James Cox at the HHIA Safety Expo on April 9 at the Rec Plex.

safes for sale and residents could sign up for free smoke detectors installed by the fire department.

The Red Cross and the city **Emergency Management Agency** provided myriad resources for personal and property safety.

In addition, Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce stopped by and Rec Plex instructor Mike Ivester offered a selfdefense demonstration.

Glass Block of St. Louis offered estimates and coupons. About 20 people came through the event. continued on pg 6

HHIA MEETING MINUTES MARCH 25, 2013

Roll Call

Present: Stacy Ross, Beth Murphy, Kendal Dauphin, Ted Disabato, Tara Ohler-Jenney; Absent: Jan Hill, Anna Baldwin

St. Louis Police Officer Jim Cox

Handed out crime stats: Crime is up slightly from this time last year - burglaries, robberies. First District award banquet is April 17 at the Christy. Contact Officer Cox for tickets, which are \$20.

Ward Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Brian Kolde

Woodard our new NSO; She will be at the next meeting

13th Ward Neighborhood **Stabilization Officer Chris Howard**

Replaces T. J. Minden who moved to city Emergency Management Agency 24 years experience, Welcome Chris!

Wessels worked with Matt Villa to get first phase of historic district process completed. Now working on second phase, which will be

Brian is moving to Ward 28. Kathryn completed within 12 months. Historic Guidelines to make Holly Hills a historic area; no impact on you unless you are seeking federal historic tax credits on major home renovations.

11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa

April 2nd election coming up; 3/16th increase in sales tax vote for parks and Arch grounds. Villa is in 13th Ward Alderman Fred Wessels favor, but everyone should weigh in, think carefully about adding to sales tax. Only 12% voted in primary. Villa was re-elected. Faced no opposition because his continued on pg 8



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WOERNER ELEMENTARY NEWS

We are winding down our school documents when registering: year at Woerner Elementary. We are ending our year with 404 students! This is a high enrollment number for us, and is a sign of a thriving neighborhood and school!

Woerner will have summer school in June, and will be closed in July. We will begin registration for the 2013-2014 school year on July 29th. Registration is for new students only, and will take place Monday through Friday from 9:00AM -3:00PM. The registration dates are July 29th – August 9th.

Parents should bring the following

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- Hannah Erhlich what's growing in the community garden
- Tim Bolt The Flora Conservancy, how it's helping out in the park and how you can get involved. And a new proposal for a bird habitat in the bear pit
- A representative of Great Rivers Greenway - the bike path extension to the park

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If residents express interest, HHIA may consider offering the event again next winter, Ross said. "We had a really great response from the agencies that came and they had a lot of great materials and resources," she said. "We really

took to come out on a beautiful Sunday to offer these resources.

"In the end, I think it's an indication that folks feel pretty safe in Holly Hills and this was a low priority for them," Ross said. "That's a good

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Shot Record
- Proof of Residence (unpaid utility bill or lease)
- A copy of the child's last report card (only for students entering grades 1-5)

The first day of school for the 2013-2014 school year is August 12th. Have a great summer!

> ~ Peggy Meyer, Principal Woerner Elementary

A representative from Bevo-Long Community Education Full Service School - "gutter aardens"

The meeting will also include a board election. All current board members, except Membership Secretary Brenda Smarko, are up for reelection and Mike Dauphin is a candidate for member-atlarge. We'll raffle off license plate locks in addition to our usual 50/50 drawing.

appreciate the time these folks

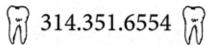
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CIRCUIT ATTORNEY'S FRAUD ALERT: SOCIAL SECURITY REPORTS FRAUDULENT ONLINE ACCOUNTS SET UP

The Social Security Administration reported yesterday, April 29, 2013 that possibly hundreds of thousands Social Security Accounts might have been compromised nationwide. Dozens of people contacted or came to the Fenton, Missouri Office to report they had received letters from the Social Security Administration verifying they had recently established online accounts. However, the recipients of the letters had not established online accounts.

An online account with the Social

Security Administration allows auick access to your account so that your earnings and monthly benefit information can be reviewed. An online account also gives the account holder the ability to change your mailing address and bank information for monthly deposits. With so much personal information available via the online account, it is a prime target for criminals trying to steal large amounts of money.

Fraud Prevention Force Director established an online account with the Social Security Administration in order to understand the process. In order for him to open an account, he had to provide his name, date of birth, current address, social security number, a partial credit card number, home mortgage holder, auto loan holder, former address and answer four security questions. As you can see, it requires a great deal of personal information to establish an online account. A criminal who tries to establish an account in someone elses name continued on pg 10



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opponent was thrown off the ballot for nonpayment of taxes.

Southern Funeral Home has a bad new owner - an LLC from St. Charles - who is not taking care of it - broken windows, small fire; Old Dry Cleaners building – all units condemned except one. Received \$500,000 grant from MSD for Sr. Marie Charles and Bellerive parks

Guest Speaker - Brian Alcaraz, **Building Department**

Supervisor for building inspectors in 11th, 12th and 13th wards. Discussed what needs permits (fences, decks, anything structural), and the process.

Tips: scrutinize your contractor and get a contract; good rule of thumb 1/3 of money upfront, 1/3 of the money in the middle and 1/3 when the work is completed and you are satisfied.

If you have a question what needs a permit, call and ask; they are happy to answer any questions and even come to vour house and take a look; 70% of the permits requested are available the same day.

To obtain a permit, you need a plan view and a 3D drawing; to apply for a permit you need 4 sets of your plans; cost based on cost of construction

If you do work without a permit, you have to submit plans and then

obtain a permit - can be fined.

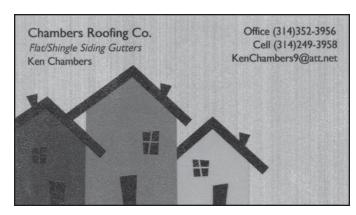
Guest Speaker - Zach Chasnoff, **Missourians Organizing for Reform** and Empowerment

Collecting signatures for sustainability ballot initiative - Stop city tax dollars from going to non-renewable energy sources/ companies. Example: funds to Peabody energy

Need 22,000 signatures (really 33.000 because of ones that are invalidated - only have 9,000)

Announcements

Safety Expo April 7th at the YMCA:









NOTES FROM CARONDELET PARK BOARD MEETING 4/16/13

Repairs on Holly Hills Drive Bridge in the park still not started – waiting for contractor

Park staff currently housed in Carondelet Park are expected to move to the old animal shelter building on Gasconade in May.

Audubon Society The and the Missouri Department of Conservation have expressed potential support for developing a bird habitat in the old bear pit.

those organizations to develop a preliminary design and then seek public comment.

With the passage of the Prop P 3/16th cent sales tax, Carondelet Park is estimated to receive about \$152,000 per year for capital projects.

Per a request from the public. additional benches will be added along the path in the park.

The board plans to ask one of Other upcoming projects include replacing the bleachers at the softball field; repairing, resealing and restriping the walking path and makina the bathrooms near the tennis courts ADA compliant.

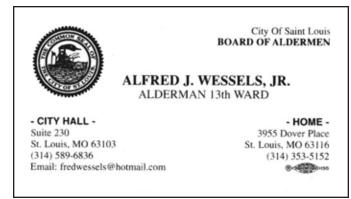
> 35-40 of the metal barriers used to block off streets for the weekly bike races were stolen. These were new barriers that had just been purchased this year at a cost of \$100 each. A police report has been filed.

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Scouts and parents from St. Stephen Pack 104 participated, alona with eight neighborhood residents and two teens from the Rec Plex's teen leaders club.

"I can't tell you how excited I was to see such a crowd gathered at the playground waiting to get started," said HHIA President Stacy Ross. "We

really appreciated the Beasley kids, as always, and it was areat to have the Cub Scouts join us this vear, too. We had two kids from the Y and folks from the neighborhood, so it was a great joint effort."













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must be very familiar with the victim in order to open the account.

If you have received a letter from the Social Security Administration verifying the establishment of an online account and have never opened one yourself, you should immediately contact the Social Security Office of Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271. The office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00AM to 4:00PM.

If you suspect you've been a victim of this fraud you can go directly to your local Social Security Office. They will be able to put a freeze on your account so that the criminal who opened the account can no

longer make changes.

Recipients of these letters may also contact the Fraud Prevention Taskforce at 314-612-1412 or via email at rechtiend@stlouiscao.org for further information on how to protect themselves from this type of identity theft.

> ~ Jennifer M. Joyce Circuit Attorney, City of St. Louis

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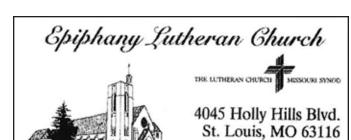
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