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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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# FIRE CHIEF TO DISCUSS OIL TANKER TRAINS AT JUNE 2 MEETING

Numerous trains of 100 cars or more each pass through Holly Hills daily. Many of the trains are filled with a volatile form of crude oil. Trains carrying the oil from the Bakken shale fields in North Dakota have exploded in Canada, North Dakota, Alabama and, most recently, Virginia.

St. Louis Fire Chief and Holly Hills resident Dennis Jenkerson was quoted in a Jan. 14 Wall Street Journal article expressing concerns about the trains and their proximity to residential areas and again on April 13 in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Holly Hills resident Judith Studebaker, who is leading the charge for changes was also featured in the Post-Dispatch article. Jenkerson will discuss the tanker trains and efforts to ameliorate the risks at the June 2 HHIA meeting at 7 p.m. at the Carondelet Park Rec Plex.

## MURPHY 13TH WARD ALDERWOMAN



Beth Murphy won a special election on April 29 to succeed Fred Wessels as 13th Ward alderman. Murphy won with nearly 80 percent of the vote and was sworn in on May 9.

"I've lived here all my life and I love the neighborhood," Murphy said. "I'm really looking forward to serving the people of Holly Hills and the 13th Ward."

A lifelong South St. Louis resident and special education teacher, Murphy has served as president and most recently as treasurer of HHIA. Murphy will retire from teaching at the end of this school year to become a full-time alderwoman.

Wessels stepped down in January after nearly 30 years on the Board of Aldermen to become director of the city's Community Development Administration. HHIA honored his years of service to Holly Hills at its meeting on March 24.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you look up "public servant" in the dictionary, there will be a picture of Beth Murphy, our new 13th Ward alderwoman. You should know that this woman, who stops to pick up trash on her morning jogs, will be the hardest-working member of the Board of Alderman.

You should also know how many dedicated individuals we have working to make Holly Hills a better place. Beth Murphy may be at the top of my list right now, but she is far from the only one.

The rest of the HHIA board comes to mind. Lisa Bertke recently led a group of her co-workers from Ameren in a park clean-up. Tara Ohler-Jenney, HHIA immediate past president, brought her Cub Scout Den 104 to the cleanup. At the June 2 meeting she will step into the role of recording secretary. The rest of the board has also stepped up in many ways throughout the last year.

Jen Chapmen is an unsung hero as the talented layout/design person for our newsletter and Hannah Erlich manages the community garden and volunteers at Woerner. Barb Russell, Kate Hastings and Marilyn Bennett have helped out at meetings and cleanups, written newsletter articles and more. Over the course of a year a dozen or more people pick up trash regularly – not just at official clean-ups – and help with plantings.

I ask that you say a prayer of thanks to these individuals and the many more who go about their altruistic ways with little fanfare. And, if you are not currently among them, maybe, ask yourself what you can do to join their ranks.

~ Stacy Ross

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4136	Fillmore	\$65,000
4163	Loughborough	\$69,900
6708	Morganford	\$69,900 (UC)
		\$73,000
5661	Leona	\$79,900
3846	Burgen	\$82,000 (UC)
3968	Bates	\$84,900
4143	Burgen	\$89,900
4080	Concordia	\$94,900 (UC)
4153	Fillmore	\$95,000
3999	Dover	\$97,000 (UC)
4084	Fillmore	\$97,500
3844	Bates	\$104,900 (UC)
4150	Bates	\$109,000
5658	Arendes	\$109,900 (UC)
6111	Adkins	\$110,000 (UC)
4068	Federer	\$112,300 (UC)
6126	Newport	\$119,900
4115	Bowen	\$119,900
3833	Dover	\$120,000
6131	Dewey	\$121,000
3654	Dover \$	139,900 (MF/UC)
5910	Marwinette	\$145,000 (UC)
5927	Marwinette	\$149,900
6018	Morganford	\$150,000
3632	Fillmore	\$157,500 (MF)
4095	Bowen	\$160,000
4049	Toenges	\$165,000
4080	Toenges	\$168,000
3845	Bowen	\$169,000
4105	Alma	\$174,750
6125	Dewey	\$179,900
4100	Rosa	\$179,900
4136	Haven	\$179,900
4129	Toenges	\$179,900
4060	Alma	\$189,900

4118 Alma	\$189,900 (UC)
6101 Grand	\$189,900 (UC)
6120 Leona	\$199,999
3810 Bowen	\$204,900
4134 Federer	\$209,900
4064 Federer	\$225,000
3666 Fillmore	\$229,000
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4061 Holly Hills	\$310,000 (UC)

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4059	Toenges	\$100,150
3908	Burgen	\$104,900
6120	Adkins	\$107,500
3657	Fillmore	\$111,400
4162	Federer	\$114,500
3901	Burgen	\$116,400
3975	Wilmington	\$125,000 (MF)
6133	Newport	\$127,000
6146	Morganford	\$139,700 (MF)
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6823	Leona	\$155,000
3986	Bowen	\$158,500
6141	Grand	\$172,000
3622	Bellerive	\$179,500
5945	Coronado	\$182,590 (MF)
4084	Toenges	\$189,000
6160	Marwinette	\$189,000
5620	Arendes	\$256,000

UC=Under contract MF= Multi-family

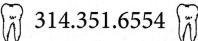
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### HOLLY HILLS GETS CONNECTED

Great Rivers Greenway has completed the construction of a new trail, aptly named the Carondelet Connector, because it connects Carondelet Park to The River des Peres Greenway at Gravois and I-55.

The connector is a one-mile concrete trail. Access from Carondelet Park is near the entrance to the Carondelet Park Rec Plex/YMCA at the intersection of Grand Drive and Holly Hills Drive. New crosswalk warning devices have been installed on both sides of Grand Drive with push button warning lights to alert and slow traffic on Grand Drive when crossing.

The connector travels south under Loughborough Avenue, crossing Koeln Avenue and ending at the River des Peres Greenway at Gravois and I-55. It has an access point into Loughborough Commons Shopping Center at the east end of the parking lot. It has some scenic points of interest including beautiful boulder retaining walls and new landscaping.

Great Rivers Greenway is hosting a Grand Opening ceremony on Saturday, June 7th, although the trail is open and ready for use now.

For the biking, walking or jogging enthusiast the Carondelet Connector now affords travel from Carondelet Park to the River des Peres Greenway along a continuous trail all the way to the Shrewsbury Metrolink Station. When all currently proposed projects are

completed it will be possible to travel from the Carondelet Connector in Carondelet Park to the Mississippi River Greenway near the River City Casino and into Jefferson Barracks Park. Also, slated for construction is the proposed extension of Grant's Trail, which will take you from the current entrance of Grant's Trail near Union and I-55 heading north, connecting to Lemay Park and the River des Peres Greenway.

The Carondelet Connector project was funded by Prop C, the Clean Water, Safe Parks and Community Trails bill, a 1/10th of a cent sales tax, passed in 2000.

In addition, the River des Peres Greenway has recently undergone reconstruction continued on pg 8



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## HHIA MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 24, 2014

Roll Call: Present: Anna Baldwin, Lisa Bertke, Mike Dauphin, Ted Disabato, Jan Hill, Beth Murphy, Tara Ohler-Jenney, Stacy Ross Absent: Kendal Dauphin (Kate Hastings filling in as Recording Secretary)

Guest Speakers: Patrice Crotty, SLPS Bevo-Long Community Education Full Service School - Classes for Spring Patrice handed out flyer Classes can be suggested and Patrice will try to find a teacher. Classes may also be held at Woerner. Visit website anytime at: www.slps.org/Long/Community. Class registration can be done via phone or by mailing in the flyer.

Jane Weiss Keuss, Service Ethics Academics High School - Committee from St. Elizabeth's Academy would like to start an all-girls college preparatory charter school. The school would start with 9th & 10th grades. The committee has submitted an application to St. Louis City. Meeting attendees were invited to sign a letter of support for the school, if interested.

Lance LeComb, MSD - St. Louis (City and County) has 4th largest sewer system in US. St. Louis City and close-in municipalities have a combined system for waste and storm water with overflows. System dates from 1850s. Rest of county has separate systems for storm and waste water.

Project Clear – for wastewater and storm water – related improvement projects in the City and County will take

place over a 23 year period for a cost of \$4.7 billion result of lawsuit against MSD. Goals are to get the rain out, repair & maintenance, and build system improvements. Projects include adding tunnels and reopening green space to alleviate basement backups – currently 10-year low in basement backups due to improved maintenance. "Rainscaping" will capture water and re-direct in before it enters the sewer system. New treatment plants will be built. MSD will build 33 miles of tunnels over the next 3 years. The longest one will run from Forest Park to Lemay treatment plant – 30 feet in diameter.

Undertaking educational campaign to keep fats, oil and grease out of sewer continued on pg 7







# CARONDELET PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING 4/30/14

#### Parks bond money

Comptroller is supposed to close on the bonds by the end of May

Expected to be available in July

Money must be spent within three years or penalties may apply

Changes to approved projects would require alderman to send letter to Parks Director who then sends letter to Board of Public Service – If it is a long-life capital improvement it should be approved

Alderman Villa: Parks without a master plan like Carondelet Park has will have trouble meeting the threeyear deadline

Design services, architects and engineers are being hired at city level (not individual park level)

#### Proposed bond issue projects

Boathouse/lake - \$450,000

Exterior/interior renovations to

Boathouse

• New Dock/fishing pier

Roundabout at Grand and Holly Hills drives - \$450,000

Bond money may be only opportunity to do this

Renovation of tennis courts, including bathrooms - \$175,000

 Refinish courts, replace fencing, net poles, nets and lighting

Renovation of bathrooms at tennis courts and Horseshoe Lake -\$250,000

- In design stage, due in mid-May, should take place this year
- Renovate and make ADA accessible, new drinking fountains, tuck-point and re-roof

Interior renovations to Lyle House - \$200,000

- Alderman Villa: not a wise expenditure
- Ron Bolte: Renovation is not a

problem, ongoing maintenance is

Bird Habitat - \$120,000

Upgrade athletic fields - \$150,000

Renovate gravel walking paths - \$150,000

Park signage - \$150,000

Upgrade lighting/electric - \$125,000

The parks maintenance crew is ready to move out of the park and to the former dog pound on Gasconade – they are just waiting on alarm company

New park supervisor is Marsha Pierson – she has a degree in horticulture

New park maintenance manager is Alan Jenkowski – out in the park, not sitting in his office – 180-degree change

Wessels: Carondelet Park is in better shape now than any time in the last 50 years



HHIA members will be asked to elect the following individuals to board positions at the June 2 meeting:

Mike Dauphin - Vice President

Kendal Dauphin - Treasurer

Lisa Berke – Financial Secretary

Tara Ohler-Jenney – Recording Secretary



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system – it attracts debris and then becomes "like a concrete block" and causes backups. Visit website at: www. ProjectClearSTL.org.

11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa was unable to attend the meeting but provided this email update:

Parkside Apartments at 1219 Holly Hills are condemned for occupancy; there are multiple warrants against the registered agent. As of 3/12/14 the building is secured and vacant.

Southern Funeral Home - The City Counselor's Office is attempting to demand a meeting with the registered agent LLC in St. Charles. There was a fire a month ago. The City has boarded

up the building 11 times, so there are 11 liens against the owner.

48 trees are scheduled to be removed in the 11th Ward. You may have noticed work in Carondelet Park - the work is arborist approved. If one is to be removed in front of your house there will be a note left on your door. Most of the removals are due to utility lines.

Neighborhood Liaison Police Officer Stephen Wilson – Reviewed crime statistics for Holly Hills. Dodge vehicles are being stolen. Holly Hills has very low crime. Can be reached via e-mail at spwilson@slmpd.org.

**13th Ward NSO Chris Howard** (314-657-1366) – Call for questions or concerns. Chris is in the neighborhood on a regular basis – drives a gold

Saturn. Anti-theft clubs for vehicles are available for \$13 – he will deliver.

13th Ward Alderman Fred Wessels – Recognized for 29 year commitment to the 13th Ward and the Holly Hills neighborhood. Fred was appointed by Mayor Francis Slay as the Executive Director of the Community Development Administration. In response to a question about graffiti in the park, the Parks & Rec Commission and Brightside will take care of removing it.

**Announcements:** Park Planting day on Saturday, April 26 Meet at the playground at 9:00am.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 2. Fire Chief Dennis Jenkerson will discuss oil tanker trains. **Meeting Adjourned** 

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## TOWN HALL MEETING HELD ON 2014 BONDS PROPOSAL

St. Louis Board of Aldermen President Lewis Reed hosted a town hall meeting on April 19 at the Carondelet Park Rec Plex to solicit community input on a proposed bond issue of up to \$200 million. Reed was joined by his legislative director, Michael Powers and City Budget director, Paul Payne. Approximately 30 residents participated in the meeting, asking questions, prioritizing needs, and providing input on the proposal. Reed, Payne and Powers stressed that the

general obligation bonds process is in the initial stages of development and this is the time for community input.

The bonds would be paid back over an estimated 20 years from a property tax increase and must be approved by voters. To move forward, the Board of Aldermen must agree on ballot language, hold public hearings and have the ballot language approved by the Board of Election Commissioners before being placed on the ballot.

"Critical" needs to be funded by the bonds included \$38 million for vehicles, equipment and buildings for the Fire Department, \$18 million for streets and bridges, \$15 million for demolition of condemned buildings and \$11 million for buildings and equipment for the Police Department.

For more information visit: http://www.propelstl.org/g-o-bond-proposal-2014-capital-improvements

~ by Kate Hastings

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on a three-mile stretch from Gravois to the Shrewsbury Metrolink Station. The new improvements include a new and widened fully ADA compliant concrete trail, new landscaping, benches, signage and direct access to the Shrewsbury Metrolink station. Funding for this project also came from Prop C.

Great Rivers Greenway has several other

Greenway and trail projects for the near future. Carey Bundy, Project Manager at Great Rivers Greenway said they plan to connect an 11-mile greenway from Forest Park to the Mississippi River near River City Casino.

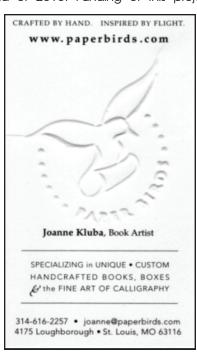
In early 2015 construction is scheduled to begin at Lemay Park east to connect with the Mississippi River Greenway. That trail is projected to open by the end of 2015. Funding of this project

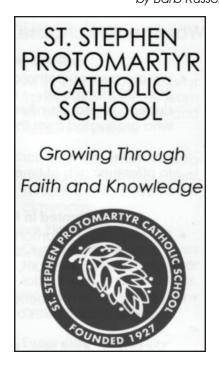
will be provided by Prop P, the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative, a 3/16th of a cent sales tax passed in 2013.

For more information or maps of the greenways and trails, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the newly improved River des Peres Greenway and trail or the Great Race III, by Citizens for Modern Transit: visit greatriversgreenway.org.

~ by Barb Russell







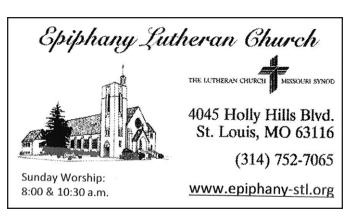


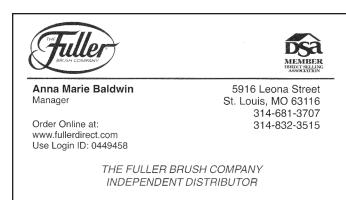
# ELEMENTARY STUDENTS, AMEREN EMPLOYEES, SCOUTS CLEAN UP PARK

Two park clean-ups were held in April in honor of Earth Day. The cleanup on April 19 marked the seventh year students from Beasley Elementary's Generous Jaguars service club participated. Beasley is in the Mehlville School District where Holly Hills resident Ben McClusky is a music teacher

and the service club faculty advisor. In addition to the Beasley students and their parents, Holly Hills residents Marilyn Bennett, Linda Callanan, Jan Cattaneo, Kate Hastings, Beth and Tim Murphy and Heidi Riddlesperger participated.

On April 26, about 20 members of the Ameren employees service club joined the clean-up fun, led by HHIA board member and Ameren employee Lisa Bertke. The Ameren employees were joined by scouts from St. Stephens Cub Scout Den 104 and Girl Scout Troop 1251. A giant thanks to all!

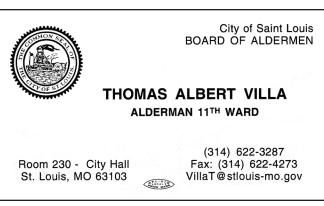














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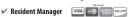


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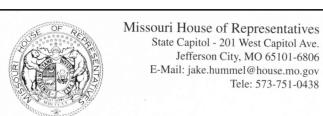
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