

The Holly Hills *Neighborhood News Newsletter*

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A MEETING OF MANY MINDS

Our May Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA) General Meeting promises to be special:

HHIA General Meeting
Monday, May 18, 7:30 pm
Southern Commercial Bank, 5515 S. Grand

First, to accommodate the Memorial Day holiday, its on a special date the *third* Monday of the month.

Second, the meeting is to be a special joint session between HHIA and the **Carondelet and Holly Hills Landlord Association**. Members of either or both organizations are encouraged to attend, and agenda items will be of interest to both groups. Don Schmidt, President of the Landlord Association will deliver a brief presentation, entitled, Landlords: What Good Are They?

Third, our special guest speaker is to be Ron Bolte, President of the **Carondelet Historical Society**. Ron will describe the overall mission of CHS, some of its latest accomplishments and ways you can get involved in upcoming events.

In all, the meeting promises to be an historical event for the neighborhood!

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DON'T FORGET THE BBQ SAUCE

As described in our March issue of *Neighborhood News*, its not too late for you to enter HHIA's prize raffle to win a ProChef gas grill. The grill is valued at more than \$500 and donated to us by Laclede Gas Company. Tickets are \$1 each.

The drawing will be held at the end of the May 18 HHIA General Meeting. You need not be present to win. Simply photocopy the ticket below and fill out as many as you would like. Mail them, along with \$1 per ticket, to: HHIA, PO Box 22144, St. Louis, MO 63116 (postmarked no later than Wednesday, May

13) or bring them to the May 18 meeting.

Giveaway Grill Raffle Ticket

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Clip and photocopy as often as youd like.
Return tickets and \$1 per ticket to HHIA, PO Box 22144, St. Louis, MO 63116.
Please print legibly.

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EVENTS/FUNDRAISING

Coming in May, we are holding HHIA's first **Volunteer Appreciation Open House** to thank the many, many individuals who have participated in HHIA projects. We look forward to reporting on the event in our July newsletter. If you are an HHIA volunteer, look for your invite in the mail soon.

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WELCOMING

Our cookies and information packets continue to be a friendly and helpful way to welcome new residents to the neighborhood. We can't say it too often: keep those calls coming in (569-5708) when new neighbors move into your area! We will schedule a visit to them, usually within 30 days. Don't worry if you don't know your new neighbors name; we need only the address (and, if appropriate, apartment number).

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MAINTENANCE/IMPROVEMENTS

In the area of Maintenance and Improvements, we'd like to extend our thanks to **Parts America** and the **Okinawan Karate School**, our new neighbors on Morganford just north of Holly Hills. Both have been diligent to date at keeping their properties clean and well-maintained, and we appreciate their efforts. In addition, working in cooperation with **Alderman Fred Wessels**, Parts America assisted us in removing the pay telephone from the outside of its building, as per their initial agreement with the neighborhood.

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BEAUTIFICATION

The neighborhood has really been going to pot lately flower pots, that is. Driving or walking through the neighborhood, its hard not to notice the 30 large terra-cotta-colored flower pots, filled with decorative grasses and flowers, that now grace just about every niche of Holly Hills.

Our new pots were funded by a 1998 Neighborhood Greening Program grant through Gateway Greening, Inc., in cooperation with Missouri Botanical Gardens. The work involved in placing them, planting in them and maintaining them is all being completed through the diligence of Holly Hills residents like you! In April, ten very energetic volunteers teamed up to place the pots around the neighborhood. Special thanks goes to Dan Goetz, for the tremendously helpful use of his truck and his driving. Thanks Dan you are a great neighbor to us all.

Also in April, another group of volunteers continued efforts at the Bates Avenue train station shed (near Bates and Arendes), adding wild meadow flowers and other decorative plantings. Their efforts also are much appreciated.

You Can Help!

If youd like to try your green thumb at gardening for the neighborhood, were always looking for new volunteers. Just give us a call at 569-5708, and well let you know when upcoming plantings are scheduled. Were also always looking for those interested in adopting one (or several!) of our flower beds or pots, helping to keep it lovingly watered through those hot St. Louis summers.

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Look in our July newsletter for a more complete summary of State Representative Brian Mays achievements during the current legislative session. Currently at the top of Mays list of goals is the passage of a House bill for which he is co-sponsor, implementing tougher laws against persistent sex offenders. Some of the clauses within his bill include easier public access to more detailed information about convicted sex offenders (so the public can be better informed if such individuals live, work or are otherwise present in their neighborhoods), as well as continued surveillance over convicted repeat sex offenders activities once they are released from incarceration. May notes a similar bill is moving through the Missouri Senate, and feels that either the House or Senate bill will be an improvement upon current laws.

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Pet Projects

Aldermen Fred Wessels (13th Ward) and Matt Villa (11th Ward) each are sponsoring reduced-cost pet vaccination and registration clinics, giving you the chance to save some money while still showing your dog or cat that you care. Each clinic is operated by the Health Department, conducted by licensed veterinarians and offers vaccinations, city licenses and microchipping.

Microchip implants for your pet (available for \$10) record your address and telephone number. With the chip (which is harmless and unobtrusive to your pet), if your pet is ever found by agencies such as the Animal Regulation Center or the Humane Society, he or she can be easily returned to you, even if his or her tags are missing.

Dates and locations for the pet clinics are:

Saturday, June 13

1 pm - 3 pm

Blow Middle School

516 Loughborough

(sponsored by Alderman Villa)

Saturday, June 20

1 pm - 3 pm

St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

3949 Wilmington Ave.

(sponsored by Alderman Wessels)

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Music to Our Ears

Back by popular demand! The Carondelet Community Betterment Foundation is again coordinating the 1998 Carondelet Summer Concert Series. Every Sunday from June 7 through August 16, a different band will be performing at the music pavilion (near the boat house) in Carondelet Park, beginning at 6 pm.

The event is free! Just bring your blanket, your beverage and your buddies and enjoy the show. HHIA is proud to co-sponsor one of the concerts, so that we can be a part of bringing such a delightful program to area residents.

Below is the current agenda of scheduled bands: (Note all bands are subject to change.)

1998 Carondelet Summer Concert Series

June 7 -- Gateway City Big Band and Anheuser Busch Employees Chorus
June 14 -- Starlifters Air Force Band
June 21 -- Waterloo German Band
June 28 -- Presentations
July 5 -- Gateway Brass Quintet
July 12 -- The Sitze Family
July 19 -- Fidgety Feet
July 26 -- Swing Set

August 2 -- Poor People of Paris Vive le Holly Hills! HHIA is co-sponsoring this band

August 9 -- Fantasy
August 16 -- Michael Brooks Route 66

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Welcome, New Members

Please join us in a warm welcome to our newest HHIA members:

Business Membership

- Mr. & Mrs. Joe Koppeis
The Market Place of Holly Hills
Grand and Iron

Family Memberships

- Barb Brockman on Leona
- Michael J. Colona on Adkins
- Mary Jo Gordon and Stephen Growcock on Leona
- Amy Halpin & Daniel Haag on Toenges
- James Heine & Rose Marie Nester on Bowen
- Bill & Becky Koeller on Marwinette
- Jennifer & Robert Lang on Leona
- Mr. & Mrs. Vernon (Karen) McNeil on Burgen
- Amanda Moore on Bowen
- Mary ORourke on Coronado
- Guy Slay on Federer
- Ken & JoAnn Tillman on Alma

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